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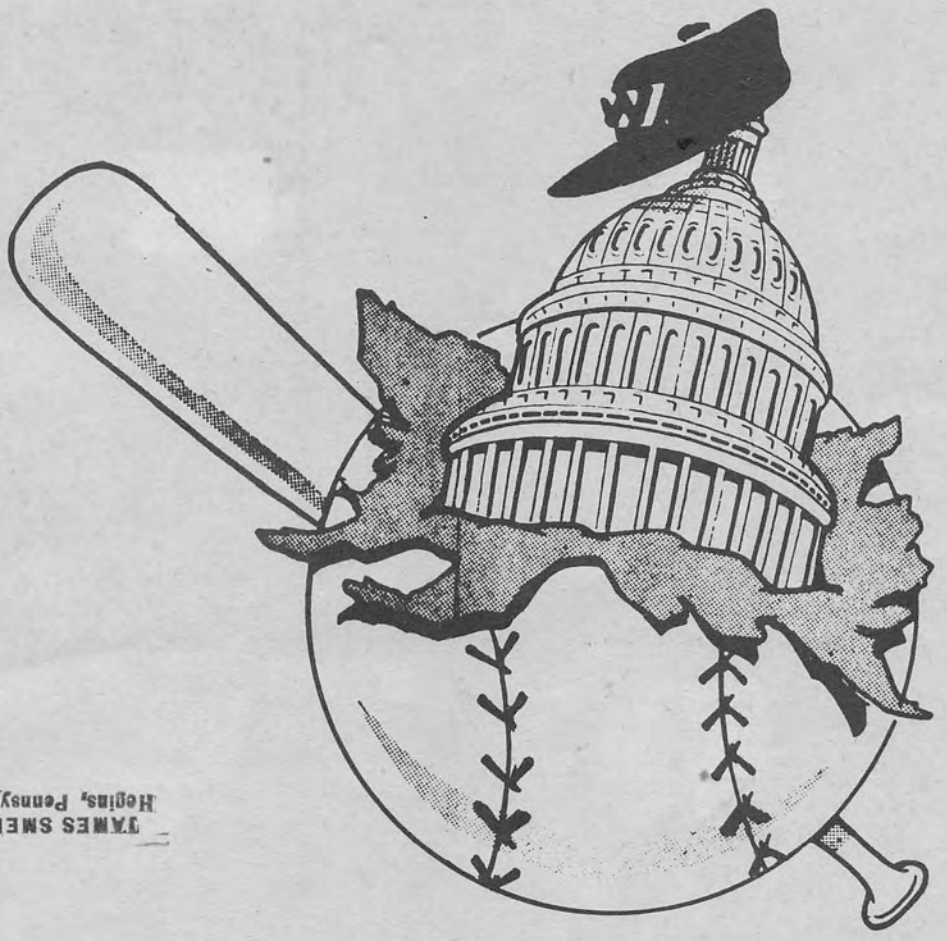

James Smeltz
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1953

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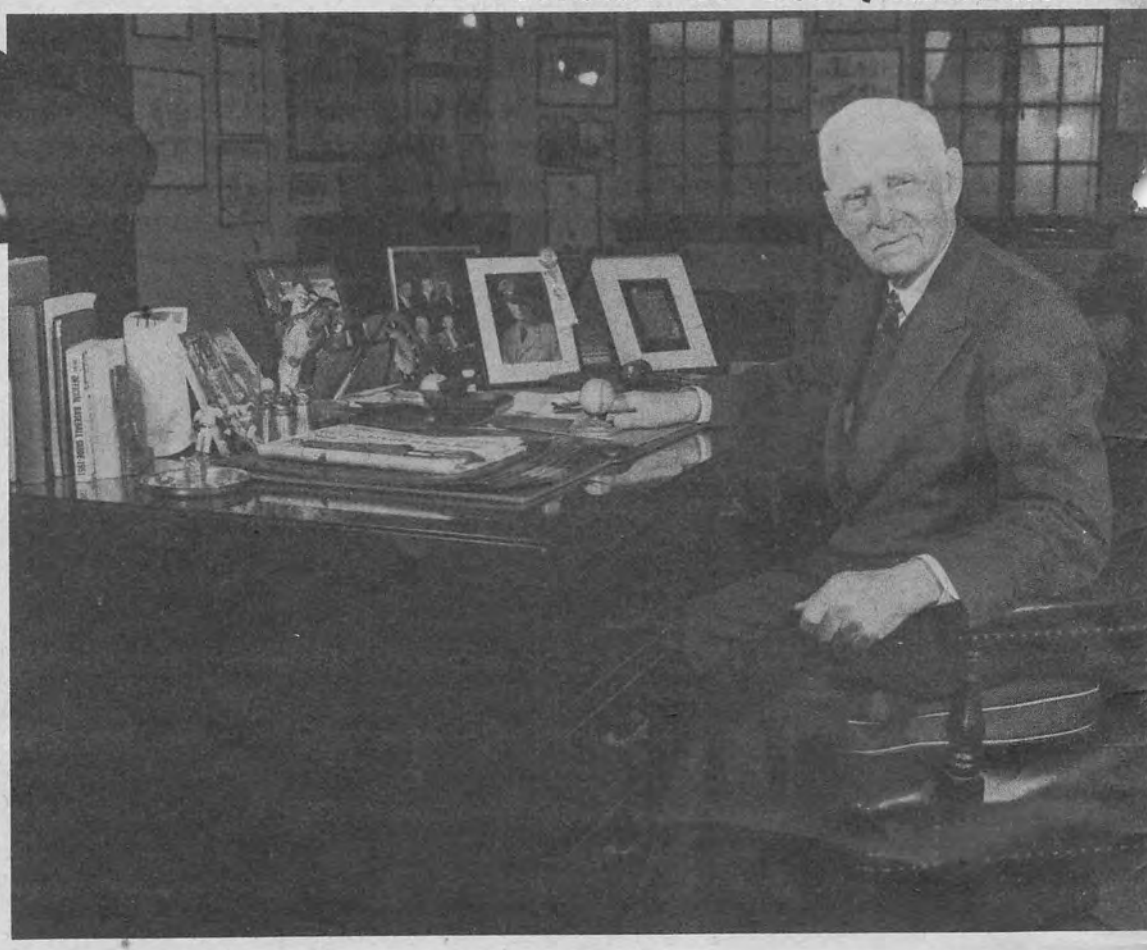

The eighty-two year old prexy of the Washington Nationals, shames younger men in his daily activities in running the complete organization of the Washington Nationals. On the job at 9:30 every morning, Mr. Griffith works a full day at his desk with just a brief rest in the afternoon, but stays late to see all of the games his club plays and often doesn't return home until after midnight.

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Year By Year With The Nats

Year	Won	Lost	Pct.	Position	Manager
1901	61	72	.459	6	James H. Manning
1902	61	75	.449	6	Thomas J. Loftus
1903	43	94	.314	8	Thomas J. Loftus
1904	38	113	.251	8	P. J. Donovan
1905	64	87	.421	7	J. Garland Stahl
1906	55	95	.367	7	J. Garland Stahl
1907	49	102	.325	8	Joseph Cantillion
1908	67	85	.441	7	Joseph Cantillion
1909	42	110	.276	8	Joseph Cantillion
1910	66	85	.437	7	James R. McAleer
1911	64	90	.416	7	James R. McAleer
1912	91	61	.599	2	Clark C. Griffith
1913	90	64	.584	2	Clark C. Griffith
1914	81	73	.526	3	Clark C. Griffith
1915	85	68	.556	4	Clark C. Griffith
1916	76	77	.497	7	Clark C. Griffith
1917	74	79	.484	5	Clark C. Griffith
1918	72	56	.563	3	Clark C. Griffith
1919	56	84	.400	7	Clark C. Griffith
1920	68	84	.447	6	Clark C. Griffith
1921	80	73	.523	4	George F. McBride
1922	69	85	.448	6	Clyde Milan
1923	75	78	.490	4	Owen J. Bush
1924	92	62	.597	1	Stanley R. Harris
1925	96	55	.636	1	Stanley R. Harris
1926	81	69	.540	4	Stanley R. Harris
1927	85	69	.552	3	Stanley R. Harris
1928	75	79	.487	4	Stanley R. Harris
1929	71	81	.467	5	Walter P. Johnson
1930	94	60	.610	2	Walter P. Johnson
1931	92	62	.597	3	Walter P. Johnson
1932	93	61	.604	3	Walter P. Johnson
1933	99	53	.651	1	Joseph E. Cronin
1934	66	86	.434	7	Joseph E. Cronin
1935	67	86	.438	6	Stanley R. Harris
1936	82	71	.536	4	Stanley R. Harris
1937	73	80	.477	6	Stanley R. Harris
1938	75	76	.497	5	Stanley R. Harris
1939	65	87	.428	6	Stanley R. Harris
1940	64	90	.416	7	Stanley R. Harris
1941	70	84	.455	6*	Stanley R. Harris
1942	62	89	.357	7	Stanley R. Harris
1943	84	69	.549	2	Ossie Bluege
1944	64	90	.416	8	Ossie Bluege
1945	87	67	.565	2	Ossie Bluege
1946	76	78	.494	4	Ossie Bluege
1947	64	90	.416	7	Ossie Bluege
1948	56	97	.366	7	Joseph Kuhel
1949	50	104	.325	8	Joseph Kuhel
1950	67	87	.435	5	Stanley R. Harris
1951	62	92	.403	7	Stanley R. Harris
1952	78	76	.506	5	Stanley R. Harris
	3717	4140	.473		

* Denotes tie with St. Louis for position.

Finished First—3; Second 5; Third—5; Fourth—7; Fifth—5; Sixth—8; Seventh—13; Eighth 6.

Individual Season Records

PITCHING

Highest pct. games won, season	.837	Walter P. Johnson (W 36, L 7)	1913
Most consecutive games won	16	Walter P. Johnson	1912
Most consecutive games lost	12	Walter E. Masterson	1940
Most games	64	Fred Marberry	1926
Most games started	42	Walter P. Johnson	1910
Most complete games	38	Walter P. Johnson	1910
Most innings	374	Walter P. Johnson	1910
Most games won, season	36	Walter P. Johnson	1913
Most games won, league	*416	Walter P. Johnson, 21 yrs. (1907-27)	
Most games lost	26	John Townsend, '04; Robt. Groom, '09	
Most bases on balls	146	Louis N. Newsom	1936
Most strikeouts	313	Walter P. Johnson	1910
Most shutouts	12	Walter P. Johnson	1913
Most runs	172	Albert L. Orth	1903
Most earned runs	144	James B. DeShong	1937
Most hits	328	Emil J. (Dutch) Leonard	1940
Most hit batsmen	20	Walter P. Johnson	1923
Most wild pitches	21	Walter P. Johnson	1910
Most home runs	17	Sid Hudson, '50; Connie Marrero, '50	
Most shutouts lost	10	Walter P. Johnson	1909
Lowest earned run ave., season	*1.14	Walter P. Johnson, 346 innings	1913

* Denotes Major League Record.

BATTING

			Year
Highest batting average	.379	Leon A. (Goose) Goslin	1928
Most Runs	127	Joseph E. Cronin	1930
Most Hits	227	Edgar C. (Sam) Rice	1925
Most Singles	182	Edgar C. (Sam) Rice	1925
Most Doubles	51	James B. (Mickey) Vernon	1946
Most Triples	19	Howard Shanks, '21; Goose Goslin, '25; Cecil Travis, '41	
Most Homers, RH	22	Henry J. (Zeke) Bonura	1938
Most Homers, LH	18	Goose Goslin, '25-'29; Stan Spence, '44; Eddie Robinson, '49	
Most Homers. first season	14	Irvin A. Noren	1950
Most Homers, season at home	11	Henry J. Bonura	1938
Most stolen bases	88	J. Clyde Milan	1912
Most bases on balls	141	Edward F. Yost	1950
Most Strikeouts	106	Daniel E. Moeller	1913
Fewest Strikeouts	9	Edgar C. (Sam) Rice	1929
Most hit by pitcher	21	Stanley R. (Bucky) Harris	1920
Most runs batted in	129	Leon A. (Goose) Goslin	1924
Consecutive games batted safely	33	Henry E. (Heinie) Manush	1933
Most grounded into double play	25	Samuel J. Dente	1950
Fewest grounded into doubleplays	5	George Case, '40-'41; Stan Spence, '44	

50 Bucky Harris, Manager
53 George Myatt, Coach
— 55 Joe Haynes, Coach

Washington Base Ball Club
1953 Roster

52 Fitzgerald, Coach
54 Nick Altrock, Coach
George "Doc" Lentz, Trainer
Fred Baxter, Equipment

PITCHERS

Name	B.	T.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Birth Date	Residence	'52 Club	W	L	Pct.	ERA
— CONSUEGRA, Sandy	R	R	5:11	160	9/ 3/20	Las Villas, Cuba	Washington	6	0	1.000	3.04
DIXON, Sonny	R	R	6:03	205	11/ 5/24	Charlotte, N. C.	Chattanooga	19	14	.576	3.19
MARRERO, Connie	R	R	5:07	165	5/ 1/15	LaGrande, Cuba	Washington	11	8	.579	2.89
MASTERSON, Walt	R	R	6:02	190	6/22/20	Hyattsville, Md.	Boston	1	1	.500	12.00
							Washington	9	8	.529	3.69
MORENO, Julio	R	R	5:09	160	1/28/23	Banos, Cuba	Washington	9	9	.500	3.98
PEARCE, Jim	R	R	6:06	180	6/ 9/25	Raleigh, N. C.	Chattanooga	12	5	.706	2.98
— PORTERFIELD, Bob Pirates	R	R	6:00	190	8/10/24	Belleville, N. J.	Washington	13	14	.481	2.73
							Washington	1	1	.500	3.55
— SHEA, Frank	R	R	6:00	205	10/ 2/22	Naugatuck, Conn.	Washington	11	7	.611	2.93
SIMA, Al	L	L	6:00	194	10/ 7/22	Mahwah, N. J.	Chattanooga	24	9	.727	3.06
— SLEATER, Lou Tigers	L	L	5:11	180	9/ 8/27	Baltimore, Md.	St. Louis	0	1	.000	7.00
							Washington	4	2	.667	3.63
							Chattanooga	1	2	.333	3.15
— STEWART, Bunky	L	L	6:00	154	1/ 7/31	New Bern, N. C.	Chattanooga	6	9	.400	4.58
— STOBBS, Chuck Cards	L	L	6:00	188	7/ 2/29	Norfolk, Va.	Chicago	7	12	.368	3.13
— STONE, Dean Red Sox	L	L	6:04	205	9/ 1/30	Silvis, Ill.	Charlotte	17	10	.630	3.18
ZEISZ, Zeke	R	R	6:01	175	11/13/26	Tonawanda, N. Y.	Charlotte	9	3	.750	1.78
							Chattanooga	9	9	.500	3.80

CATCHERS

							'52 Club	BA	RBI	FA
— GRASSO, Mickey	R	R	6:00	190	5/10/22	Newark, N. J.	Washington	.216	27	.970
OLDIS, Bob	R	R	6:01	186	1/ 5/29	Iowa City, Iowa	Chattanooga	.277	33	.987
PEDEN, Les	R	R	6:02	220	9/17/23	Phenix City, Ala.	Los Angeles	.280	76	

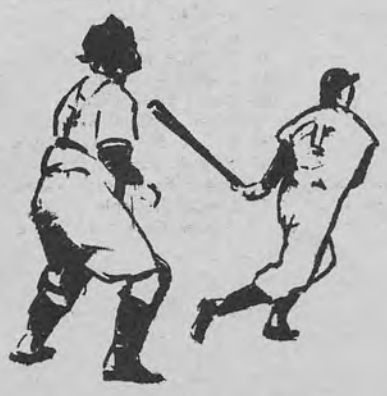
INFIELDERS

BAKER, Floyd	L	R	5:10	160	10/10/18	Youngstown, Ohio	Washington	.262	33	.994
— HODERLEIN, Mel	R	R	5:10	180	6/24/24	Trenton, N. J.	Washington	.269	17	.978
— RUNNELS, Pete Red Sox	L	R	5:11	170	1/28/28	Chickasha, Okla.	Washington	.285	64	.966
							Washington	.263	4	1.000
— TERWILLIGER, Wayne	R	R	5:11	170	6/27/26	Charlotte, Mich.	St. Paul	.312	17	.935
VERBLE, Gene	R	R	5:10	163	6/29/28	Concord, N. C.	Chattanooga	.279	78	.965
— VERNON, Mickey Indians	L	L	6:02	180	4/22/18	Swarthmore, Pa.	Washington	.251	80	.993
— YOST, Eddie	R	R	5:10	180	10/13/26	S. Ozone Park, N. Y.	Washington	.233	49	.962

OUTFIELDERS

— BUSBY, Jim Orioles	R	R	6:01	175	1/ 8/27	Silver Spring, Md.	Chicago	.128	0	1.000
							Washington	.244	47	.994
CAMPOS, Frank	L	L	5:11	180	5/11/26	Havana, Cuba	Washington	.259	8	.978
— COAN, Gil	L	R	6:00	180	5/18/24	Brevard, N. C.	Washington	.205	20	.984
— JENSEN, Jack Red Sox	R	R	5:11	190	3/ 9/27	Oakland, Calif.	New York	.105	2	1.000
							Washington	.286	80	.978
WOOD, Ken	R	R	6:00½	205	7/ 1/24	Charlotte, N. C.	Boston	.100	0	.875
							Washington	.238	32	.959

In National Defense Service—Pitcher Bob Ross and Outfielder Dan Porter.



Stanley "Bucky" Harris
Manager

The Manager and His Aides

A deft handler of men, a discerning judge of baseball talent and an eternal husler, Bucky Harris is a blunt, outspoken fellow who is recognized as one of the game's outstanding leaders. He was born on November 8, 1896 at Port Jervis, N. Y. but his family moved to Pittston, Pennsylvania while Bucky was just a youngster. He grew up in a baseball hotbed and became a highly competitive ballplayer after a stint as a "breaker boy" in the coal mines.

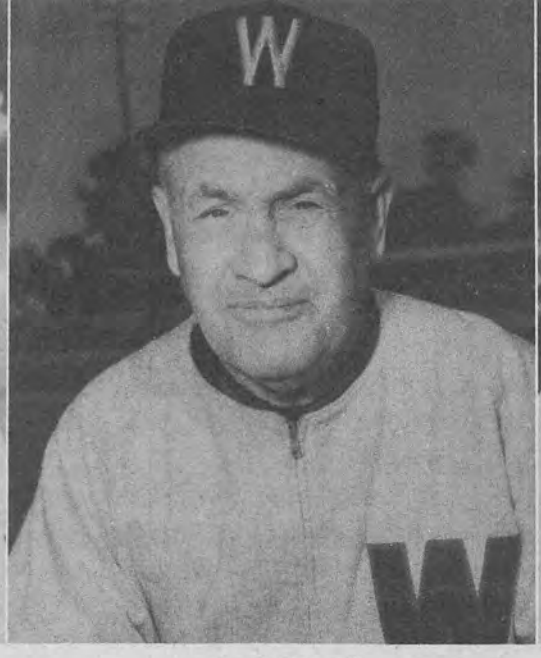
Bucky started his managerial career in 1924, when Clark Griffith named his 27 year old second baseman to direct the club. He responded by leading his team to its first American League pennant and subsequently, to it's only World Series Championship. For his hustle and drive and dynamic leadership he became known in that Golden Era as "The Boy Wonder".

As a player, Bucky was rated as one of the most rugged second basemen who ever lived. He finished his playing career with a lifetime batting average of .274. He was a hard man to keep off the base paths as witness his record of being hit by pitchers 21 times. He holds the major league record for the most putouts by a second baseman, plus several other fielding records established back in the 20's.

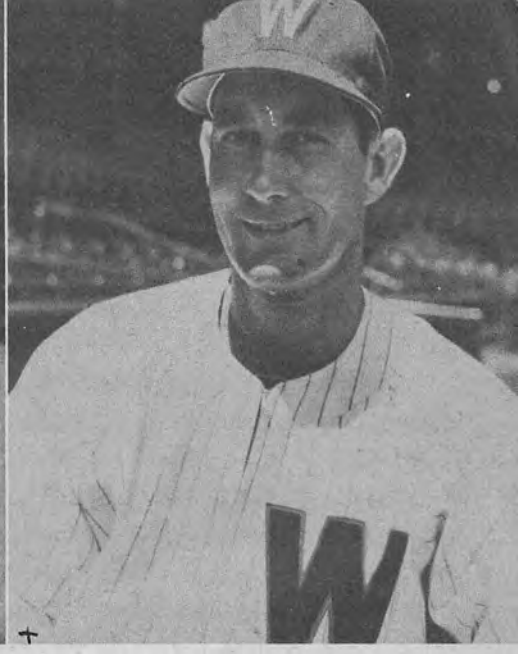
Bucky has been a manager for 29 of his 56 years. He has managed Buffalo, the Phils, Tigers, Red Sox, San Diego, Yankees and of course Washington.

The "Brain Trust" of the Nationals.

Nick Altrock
Coach



Joseph Fitzgerald
Coach



Joe Haynes
Coach

George Myatt
Coach

NICK ALTROCK
COACH

Baseball's first great clown. Now 76, Nick still is a master at entertaining. A great southpaw during his active pitching days, especially around 1906 when he was the mainstay of the Chicago White Sox' famous "Hitless Wonders." Still holder of many marks in the baseball record books, Nick has been involved in many unusual feats including winning a ball game without throwing a pitch to the batter. (He picked a man off base to end the inning in relief role, and team won game during their turn at bat.) Nick is not only known for his baseball prowess, but for his fine collection of stories and the wonderful job he has done entertaining servicemen and putting on benefit performances.

JOSEPH FITZGERALD
COACH

"Handsome," the local boy who made good. Now 54, started his career as batboy for the Nats in 1912 when Clark Griffith first came to Washington. A Washington native, he played in the Blue Ridge, Middle Atlantic, N.Y.-Pa. leagues and the Southern Association. The cheerful batting practice catcher is still a holdout from the matrimonial ranks.

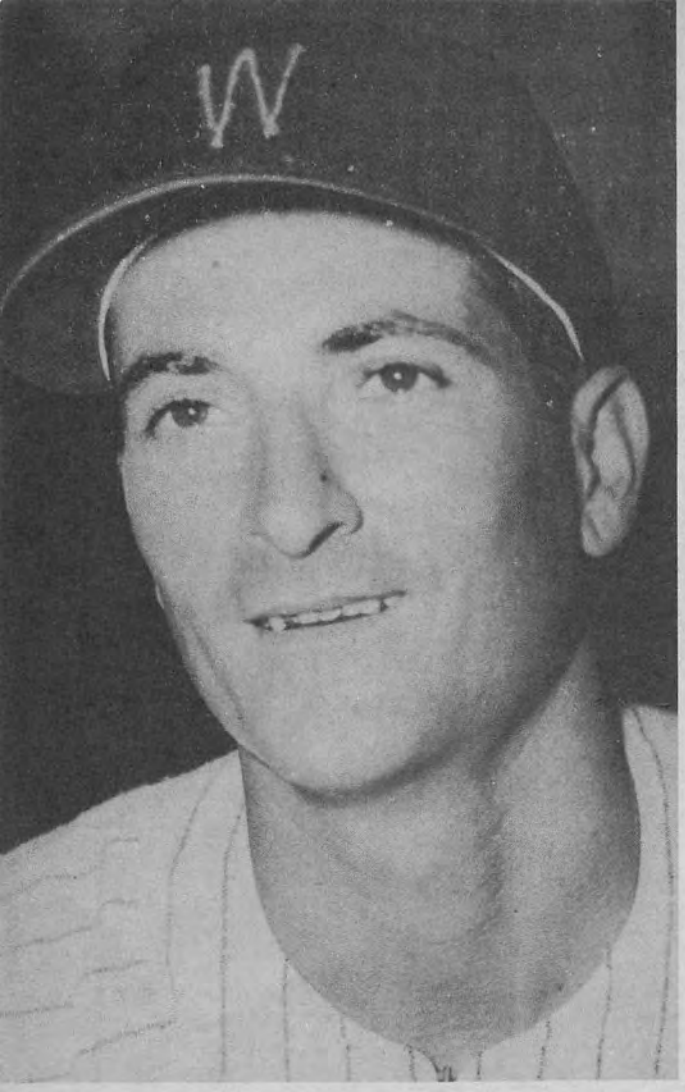
JOE HAYNES
PITCHING COACH

The newest member of the Nats' strategy department is hard-working Joe Haynes. With 17 full years of pitching experience behind him, Joe should prove a very valuable asset in helping the pitching staff to attain those 100 wins which will be needed to reach the top spot in the league. Joe broke into baseball with Chattanooga in 1937. In 1939 he reached the majors with Washington. He spent 14 years in the majors, six of those years with the Nats and the other eight with the White Sox.

GEORGE MYATT
COACH

A holler guy, George keeps things humming. Calls everybody "Stud." From Denver originally, now makes his home in Orlando, the Nats' winter base. A real sparkplug, George was with the Giants in 1938 and 1939. Returned to the big leagues in 1943 and was a key man on the war teams of '43-'46 when Washington finished second twice and fourth once in those years. Has managed Chattanooga in Washington organization. A constant pacer in the third base coaching box, his judgment has proved sound in many split-second decisions at the hot corner.

"Doc" George Lentz
Trainer



CONSUEGRA, Sandalio Simeon "Sandy" Pitcher

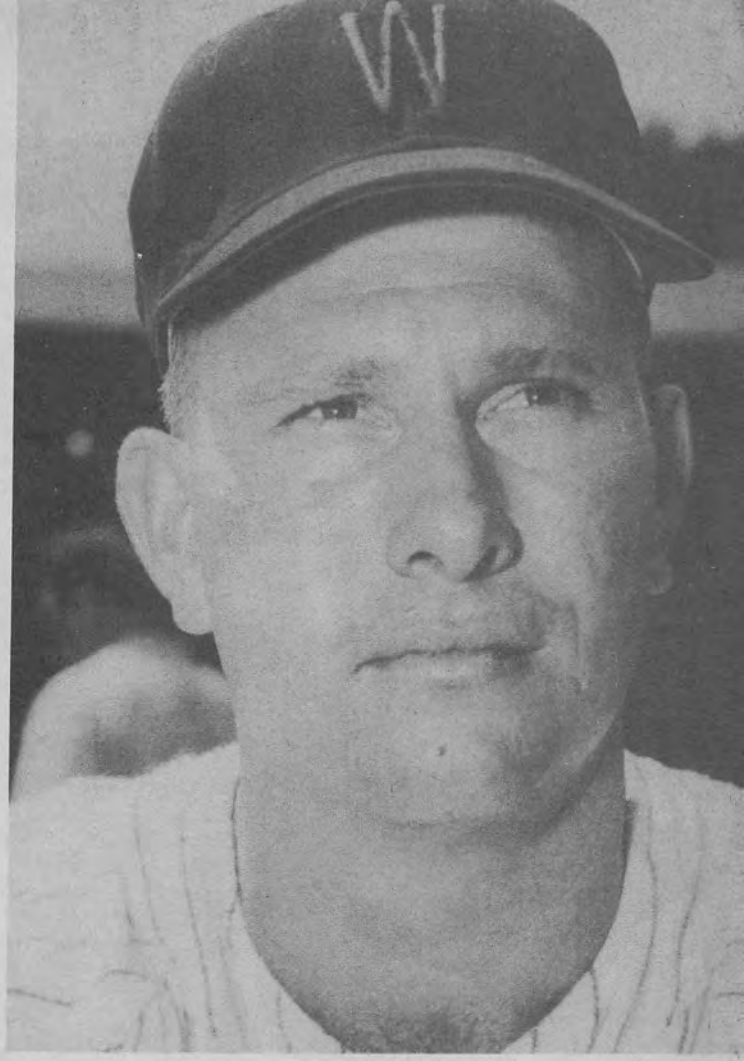
(Kon-sway'-gra)

Born in Potrerillo, Las Villas, Cuba, on September 3, 1920. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 11 in. Weight: 160 lbs. Brown eyes and hair. Married and has two children, Rogelio and Silvia. Winter home: Matanzas, Cuba.

From the percentage standpoint, the leading pitcher for the Washington ball club during the 1952 season was "Sandy" Consuegra. And he also had the very respectable earned run average of 3.04. "Sandy," who has proven that he is a winning pitcher, in his three short years in the big time, delivers the ball in a very "herky-jerky" manner, using a variety of "junk" and a sneaky fast ball. During the winter months he plays ball in the Cuban league and does a little farming.

Year Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1949—Havana	11	6	5	.545	77	81	32	26	23	18	3.04
1950—Havana	11	8	2	.800	88	73	21	21	58	25	2.15
1950—Washington	21	7	8	.467	125	132	71	61	38	57	4.39
1951—Washington	40	7	8	.467	146	140	71	65	31	63	4.01
1952—Washington	30	6	0	1.000	74	80	30	25	19	27	3.04
A.L. Totals--	91	20	16	.556	345	352	172	151	88	147	3.93

DIXON, John Craig, Jr. "Sonny" Pitcher



Born in Charlotte, N. C., on November 5, 1924. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 6 ft. 3 in. Weight: 205 lbs. Brown eyes and brown hair. Married and has one child. Winter home: Charlotte, N. C.

Working in the shadow of teammate Al Sima, "Sonny" Dixon was one of the hardest mound workers in the Southern Association, during the '52 campaign. He tied for runner-up spot behind Sima in completed games with 19. He was second in the league in games won with 19; second in innings pitched with 271 and second in base hits with 260. He faced the most batters, 1,136, and he hurled the most shutouts, 5. He has definitely proven that he is a winning pitcher in the minors and there is no reason in the world why he can't do the same thing in the majors. A member of the Southern Association All-Star team in 1952, "Sonny" was also on the Tri-State All-Star team in 1946. He spent three years in the Navy as a boatswain's mate and during the winter months works in a gas station in his home town, Charlotte.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1946	Charlotte(B)	32	19	11	.633	244	246	98	71	90	53	2.62
1947	Charlotte(B)	27	9	9	.500	165	188	97	80	58	45	4.36
1948	Augusta(A)	37	11	7	.611	190	217	116	91	71	59	4.31
1949	Augusta(A)	38	14	14	.500	217	230	97	78	99	70	3.24
1950	Augusta(A)	45	14	13	.519	223	255	144	103	120	87	4.16
1951	Chatt.(AA)	42	14	13	.519	205	253	143	122	84	63	5.36
1952	Chatt.(AA)	47	19	14	.576	271	260	115	96	136	71	3.19

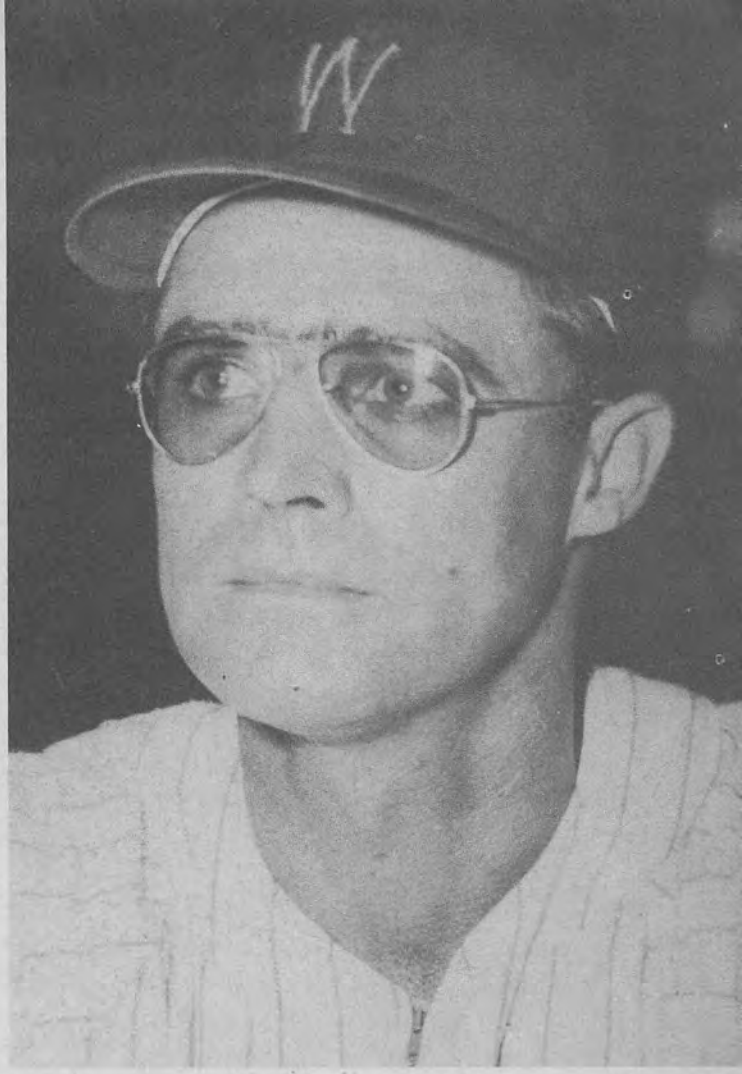
MARRERO, Conrado Eugenio "Connie or Chico" Pitcher

Born in Las Villas, Cuba, on May 1, 1915. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 7 in. Weight: 165 lbs. Brown eyes and black hair. Cuban ancestry. Married and has three children. Winter home: LaGrande, Cuba.

"He wouldn't give his mother a good pitch to hit," says Connie Marrero's teammates. "Even in batting practice he throws that slider, curve and knuckleball. His stuff is different. It breaks at the last possible second. When he lets go of the ball with that twisting motion of his, it looks like it is as straight as a string. But just as you start to swing the ball shoots down, up or away from you. He's no pitcher, he's a magician." Cunning Connie got off to a 6-0 start in 1951 and won 11 games . . . he got off to a 4-0 start in 1952 and won 11 games, and for the '53 season "El Chico" is hoping to get off to an 11-0 start. . . . Always a consistent performer, Marrero wound up the 1952 season with an 11-8 record. He started 22 games and completed 16. In the American League records for '52, Connie was ninth in the earned run averages with a 2.89 mark. One of the outstanding performances by "El Chico" was a one-hit 2-1 victory over the A's on April 26, 1951, the one hit being a homer by Barney McCosky. He was an American League All-Star selection for 1951. In the winter season, along with playing ball in the Cuban League, Connie is working toward increasing his already substantial herd of pure bred cattle.

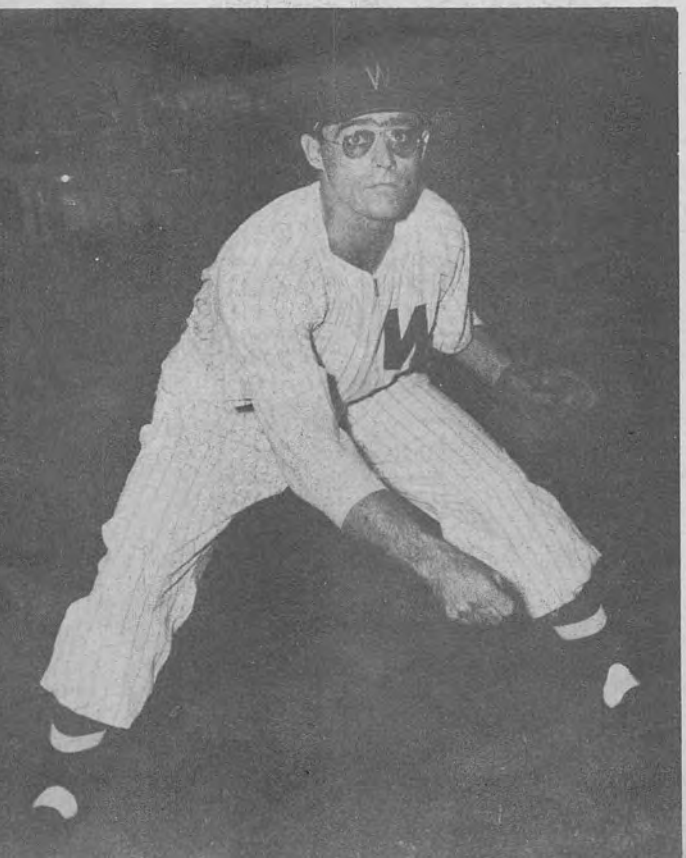
Year Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1947—Havana	40	25	6	.806	271	180	59	50	251	46	1.66
1948—Havana	35	20	11	.645	264	206	55	49	168	24	1.67
1949—Havana	35	25	8	.758	258	175	51	44	167	47	1.53
1950—Washington	27	6	10	.375	152	159	84	76	63	55	4.50
1951—Washington	25	11	9	.550	187	198	87	81	66	71	3.90
1952—Washington	22	11	8	.579	184	175	68	59	77	53	2.89
A.L. Totals—	74	28	27	.509	523	532	239	216	206	179	3.72

MASTERSON, Walter Edward "Walt" Pitcher



Born in Philadelphia, Pa., on June 22, 1920. Throws and bats righthanded. Hazel eyes and brown hair. Height: 6 ft. 2 in. Weight: 190 lbs. Irish ancestry. Married and has two children, Walter 8, and Patricia Ann 3. Winter home: Hyattsville, Md.

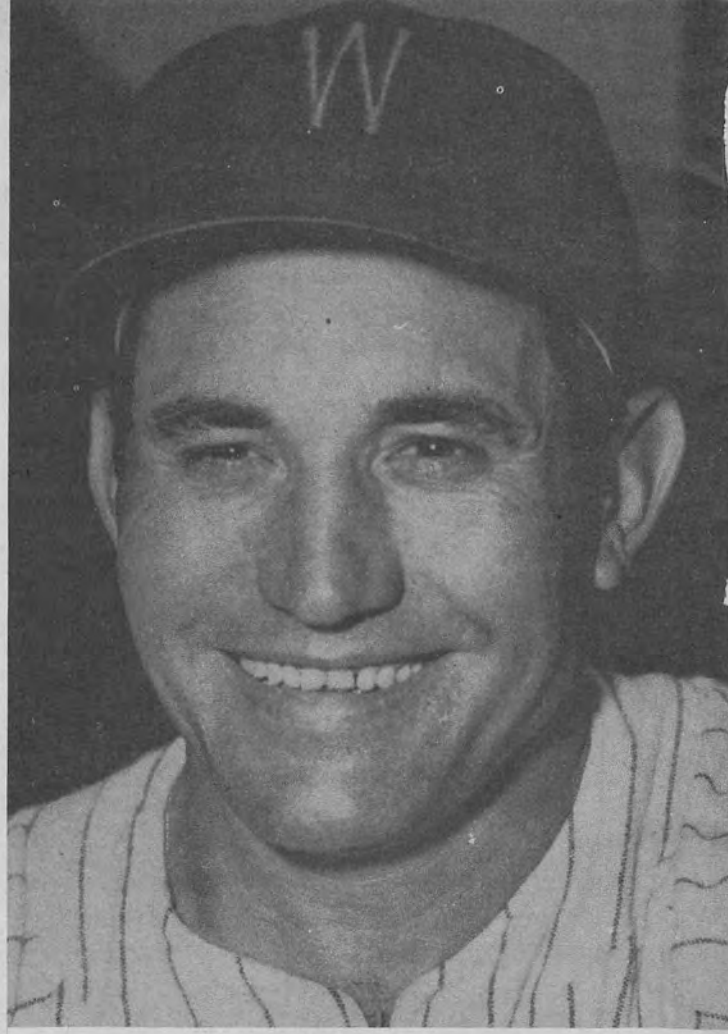
A pitcher who looks at the world through rose-colored glasses, "Walt" is one of the oldest members of the team, in point of service. After working out at Griffith Stadium he was signed by Clark Griffith in 1938. He joined the Nats in the spring of '39 after appearing in two games with the Class B Charlotte Hornets. He was traded to the Red Sox for pitcher Mickey Harris and outfielder Sam Mele in June of 1949. He returned to the Nats in June of 1952 with pitcher Randy Gumpert in a deal that sent Sid Hudson to Boston. Walt has pitched in two All-Star games. During World War II he was in the Navy for three years and spent 26 months with the Submarine forces. He lists his hobbies as hunting, fishing and golf, but during the off-season doesn't have much time for any of them as he is very busy traveling for a Maine shoe manufacturer.



Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1939	Charlotte(B)	2	0	0	.000	8	11	9	9	3	5	10.57
1939	Washington	24	2	2	.500	58	66	44	36	12	48	5.59
1940	Washington	31	3	13	.188	130	128	92	71	68	88	4.92
1941	Washington	34	4	3	.571	78	101	56	52	40	53	6.00
1942	Washington	25	5	9	.357	143	138	75	53	63	54	3.34
1943-44-45	Washington	In Military Service (Navy)										
1945	Washington	4	1	2	.333	25	21	8	3	14	10	1.08
1946	Washington	29	5	6	.455	91	105	70	61	61	67	6.03
1947	Washington	35	12	16	.429	253	215	98	88	135	97	3.13
1948	Washington	33	8	15	.348	188	171	88	80	72	122	3.83
1949	Wash.-Bost.	28	6	6	.500	108	100	52	45	36	56	3.75
1950	Boston	33	8	6	.571	129	145	91	81	60	82	5.65
1951	Boston	30	3	0	1.000	59	53	24	22	39	32	3.36
1952	Bost.-Wash.	29	10	9	.526	170	171	83	78	92	83	4.13
MajorL.Tot.—		335	67	87	.435	1432	1414	781	670	692	792	4.20

MORENO, Julio — **Pitcher**

(Mor-ray'-no, Yool'-ee-o)



Born in Havana, Cuba, on January 18, 1923. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 9 in. Weight: 160 lbs. Brown eyes and black hair. Married. Winter home: San Antontio de la Banos, Cuba.

A righthander with a good fast ball and plenty of poise, this slender star from Havana arrived on the major league scene late in 1950. After a very impressive year with Havana in which he won 16 and lost only 4, to rack up a fine 1.47 earned run average, the Nats brought Julio Moreno up for a late season look and he has stayed. In 1951, his first full season in the majors, he had a 5-11 mark. Showing steady improvement, Moreno finished the '52 season with a 9-9 record. He won his first two starts and then lost the next five straight. From June 24 until the end of the season, he won 7 while losing only 4. He has pitched good ball the past few months in the Cuban Winter League and should improve even more during the 1953 season.

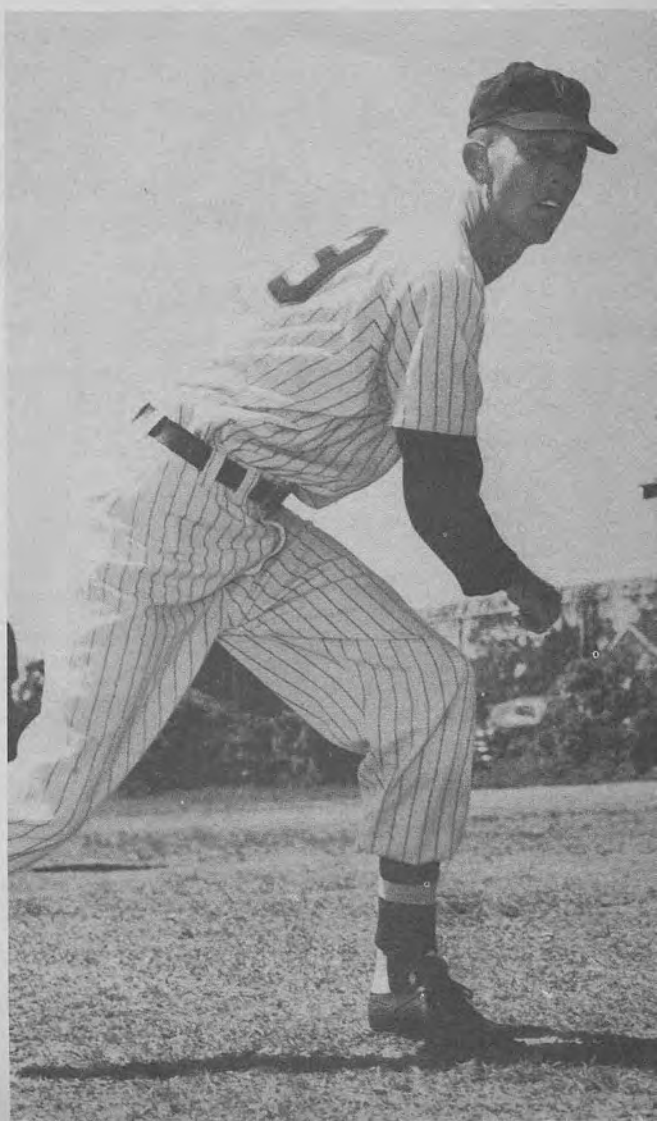
Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1947—	Havana	25	19	4	.826	199	150	54	47	84	66	2.13
1948—	Havana	8	3	2	.600	44	41	16	11	31	15	2.25
1949—	Havana	21	12	6	.667	143	143	57	54	58	62	3.40
1950—	Havana	25	16	4	.800	184	118	35	30	111	80	1.47
1950—	Washington	4	1	1	.500	21	22	13	11	7	12	4.71
1951—	Washington	31	5	11	.313	133	132	82	72	37	80	4.87
1952—	Washington	26	9	9	.500	147	154	75	65	62	52	3.98
A.L. Totals—		61	15	21	.417	301	308	170	148	106	144	4.42

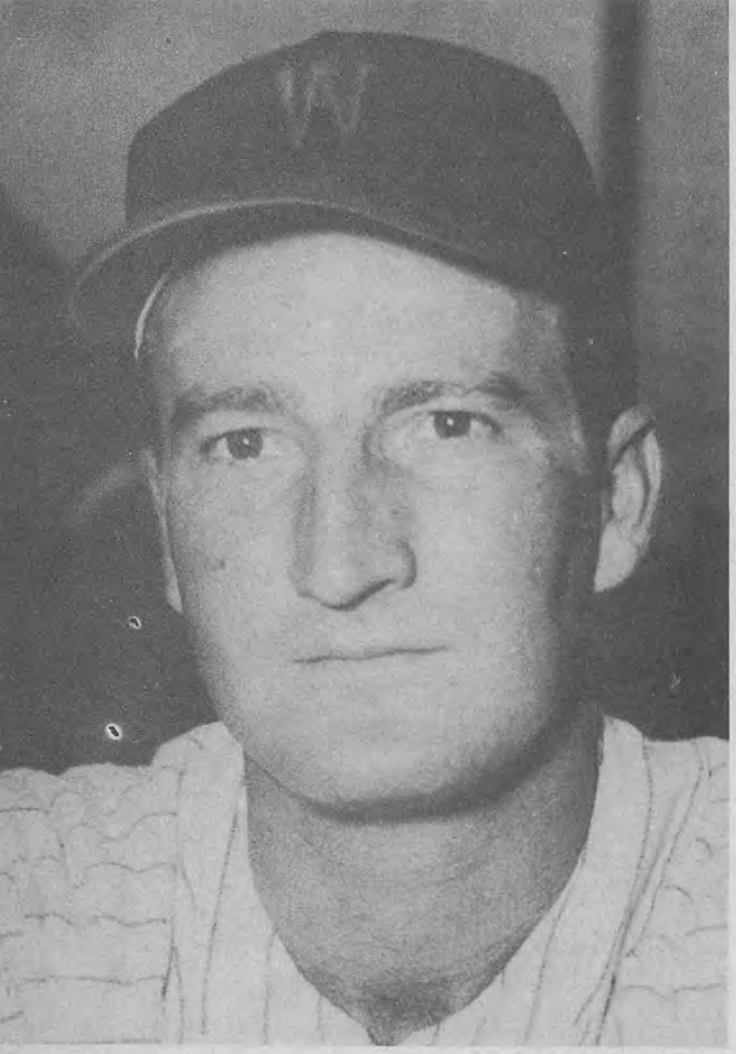
PEARCE, James Madison "Jim" Pitcher

Born in Zebulon, N. C., on June 9, 1925. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 6 ft. 6 in. Weight: 180 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. Irish ancestry. Married. Winter home: Raleigh, N. C.

Following the best year of his baseball career, Jim Pearce will be trying to duplicate that record this year with the Nats. With a 2.98 earned run average, the second lowest in the Southern Association for 1952, Jim won 12 games while losing only 5. And in 154 innings he walked only 50 men. The tall 6 foot, 6 inch righthander is probably the tallest man in the American League this year. A native of Zebulon, N. C., Pearce pitched high school ball before signing in 1944 with Erwin of the Tobacco State League. In 1949, after posting a 2.38 mark while pitching in 28 games with Charlotte, the Nats brought him up at the end of the season. Pitching in the full 1950 season, Jim won 2 and lost 1, appearing mostly in relief. After his fine record with Chattanooga last year, Jim feels he is now ready to make his mark in the majors.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1944—	Erwin(D)	3	1	2	.333	24	26	13	7	15	9	2.63
1945—	Leaksville(B)	35	13	12	.520	221	186	140	91	185	120	3.71
1946—	Shelby(B)	21	7	11	.389	130	137	88	73	56	67	5.05
1947—	Macon(A)	1	0	0	.000	2	2	1	1	1	4	4.50
1947—	Fayettev'le	20	3	11	.214	105	112	80	69	67	65	5.91
1947—	P'rtsm'th(B)	14	6	4	.600	73	78	39	34	48	33	4.19
1948—	Des Moines(A)	(Voluntarily retired)										
1949—	Charlotte(B)	28	10	10	.500	178	138	62	47	110	74	2.38
1949—	Washington	2	0	1	.000	5	9	10	5	1	5	9.00
1950—	Washington	20	2	1	.667	57	58	40	38	18	37	6.00
1951—	Chatta.(AA)	40	9	14	.375	199	232	154	126	94	114	5.70
1952—	Chatta.	27	12	5	.706	154	144	63	51	66	50	2.98
A.L. Totals—		22	2	2	.500	62	67	50	43	19	42	6.24





PORTERFIELD, Erwin Coolidge **"Bob"** **Pitcher**

Pirates

Born in Newport, Virginia, on August 10, 1924. Throws and bats right-handed. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 190 lbs. Brown eyes and brown hair. Scotch-Irish ancestry. Married and has two children, Bobby Lee and Sandra Jean. Winter home: Belleville, N. J.

Erwin Coolidge Porterfield, better known as Bob, started his baseball career as a catcher, but after being on the receiving end for just a short time, decided to switch over to the sending end. That was in 1946 when he first signed with Radford in the Blue Ridge League. A lot of hitters since then have wished that Bob had stayed behind the plate. Despite his 13-14 record, he was still the winningest pitcher on the Nats' staff last year. And his 2.73 earned run average was the seventh best in the league. During the '52 season, Bob earned a title he would rather forget—"Hard Luck Bob." Had the breaks been changed around just a bit, he could have just as easily been among the 20-game winners. As an example: the Nats won 10 shutout games and lost 11. Porterfield won 3 of the 10 and lost 7 of the 11. He was the victim of a no-hitter, a one hitter, and several three-hitters. Before he graduated from Newport High, Bob was captain of the basketball team for three years and made the all-county team the last two. He was also captain of the baseball team the same three years and made the All-State team in 1940 and '41. He then attended V.P.I. for only two months, leaving school to enlist in the 82nd Airborne Division. During his 4½ years in this great outfit, he attained the rank of S/Sgt. and made five combat jumps. On one occasion his pilot guessed wrong, overshot the drop zone by two miles and dropped Sgt. Porterfield and his buddies into the laps of Nazi machine gunners, in the Battle of the Bulge. Along the way he received the French citation and five battle stars. During the winter months, Bob works as a manufacturer's good will representative.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1946—	Radford	14	7	5	.583	105	87	49	37	143	39	3.17
1946—	Norfolk	7	1	3	.250	47	52	30	24	36	18	4.60
1947—	Norfolk	32	17	9	.654	239	191	73	63	208	82	2.37
1948—	Newark	23	15	6	.714	178	144	47	43	133	51	2.17
1948—	NewYork	16	5	3	.625	78	85	42	39	30	34	4.50
1949—	Newark	5	1	0	1.000	16	16	10	10	16	7	5.67
1949—	NewYork	12	2	5	.286	58	53	26	26	25	29	4.03
1950—	NewYork	10	1	1	.500	20	28	19	19	9	8	8.55
1950—	KansasCity	3	0	2	.000	8	7	5	5	3	2	5.63
1951—	KansasCity	8	2	2	.500	29	37	16	15	19	14	4.66
1951—	N.Y.-Wash.	21	9	8	.529	136	114	57	53	55	57	3.51
1952—	Washington	31	13	14	.481	231	222	80	70	85	85	2.73
Major L. Totals—		90	30	31	.492	523	502	224	207	204	213	3.56

Bob Porterfield achieves a nice balance with his two children.

SHEA, Frank Joseph **"Spec"** **Pitcher**
(Shay)

Born in Naugatuck, Connecticut, on October 2, 1922. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 6t. Weight: 205 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. Irish ancestry. Married and has one child, Frank, Jr. Winter home: Naugatuck, Conn.

Considered by many so-called baseball "brains" as being washed-up after a so-so 5-5 record in 1951, Frank Shea came back in 1952 to help boost the Nats to within one game of the first division. He finished the season with an 11-7 record and was among the top ten pitchers in the league in the earned run department with a neat 2.93 average. Frank has been dogged with bad luck since the start of his major league career. In '46 he was tabbed as a starting pitcher with the Yankees until an appendectomy laid him out of the lineup. He recovered to win 15 games with Oakland in the Pacific Coast League (an ERA of 1.66 in the process) and won his way back to the Yanks for 1947. Things seemed to brighten as Shea paced New York to a pennant, sported a 2 and 0 World Series record and won the Rookie of the Year award, as well as gaining the decision in the All-Star game against the National League. But then the bugaboo—the sore arm—hit Frank and has plagued him off and on since. Twice returned to the minors, it appeared that he was on the road back with two early-season shutouts in 1951, only to lose his control and finish with a 5 and 5 record for the year. While attending Naugatuck High, Frank was an outstanding athlete. He was captain of the baseball, football, basketball and rifle teams. He was also the most popular and most valuable player on the Naugatuck squad that won the state championship in 1939. Immediately after graduating from high school, Shea signed with Amsterdam in the Class "C" Canadian-American League. He has been selected on four all-star teams during his baseball career. He was an All-Star with Amsterdam in 1940, with Norfolk in 1941, with Oakland in 1946 and New York in 1947. Spending three years in the Air Corps, Sgt. Shea received the French and Belgium citation. During the off season Frank operates a gas station in his home town.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1940	Amst'd'm(C)	20	11	4	.733	137	122	78	60	111	82	3.94
1941	Norfolk(B)	28	16	10	.615	199	155	73	70	154	92	3.17
1942	K.Cy.(AAA)	27	5	8	.385	100	76	38	35	89	75	3.15
1943-44-45	Kansas City		In Military Service (Air Corps)									
1946	O'kl'd(AAA)	24	15	5	.750	174	125	45	32	124	60	1.66
1947	NewYork	27	14	5	.737	179	127	63	61	89	89	3.07
1948	NewYork	28	9	10	.474	156	117	66	59	71	87	3.40
1949	NewYork	20	1	1	.500	52	48	36	31	22	43	5.37
1949	New'k(AAA)	5	0	3	.000	17	16	18	16	5	18	8.47
1950	K.Cy.(AAA)	27	6	11	.353	116	132	96	81	58	65	6.28
1951	NewYork	25	5	5	.500	96	112	59	46	38	50	4.31
1952	Washington	22	11	7	.611	169	144	62	55	65	92	2.93
A.L. Totals—		122	40	28	.588	652	548	286	252	285	361	3.47

SIMA, Albert "Al" **Pitcher**
(SEE'-ma)

Born in Mahwah, New Jersey, on October 7, 1922. Throws left and bats righthanded. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 194 lbs. Blue eyes and black hair. Hungarian ancestry. Married and has two children, Mary Ann 3, and Al Jr. 1. Winter home: Mahwah, N. J.

Mrs. Al Sima must be the best-dressed wife in organized baseball. Husband Al promised her a new gown for every game he won for Chattanooga during the 1952 season, and that adds up to 24. In compiling a 24-9 record for the champion Lookouts, Sima led the Southern Association in just about every department except broken bats. Along with being the outstanding pitcher and the unanimous choice for the S.A. All-Star team, Al completed the most games, 22; won the most games, 24; had the best percentage, .727; worked the most innings, 279; gave up the most hits, 310, and was second in facing the most batters, 1,126. After having the biggest year of his baseball career, Sima feels that he is now, more than ever, ready to take his place in the big time. This is his second chance with Washington. In 1950 he appeared in 17 games and finished the season with a 4-5 record. Al is an all-around athlete. While in high school he was on the All-State football team. He also played basketball and baseball. One of his main hobbies is bowling and maintains a 175.4 average. A few years back he was in the finals of the Diamond Gloves after winning the sectional Golden Gloves in the 175-lb. class. In one of the hardest working outfits in the last war, Al had 28 months service with the Sea-Bees in the Pacific. When he hangs up his glove at the end of the season, Al works as a warehouseman in his home town, Mahwah, N. J.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1942—	Salisbury(D)	4	0	3	.000	24	29	.....	12	10	3	4.50
1942—	Bristol(D)	12	6	6	.500	95	87	34	28	37	20	2.65
1943—	Richm'd(B)	15	10	5	.667	115	99	39	34	71	39	2.66
1943—	Jer'yC.(3A)	11	1	4	.200	46	50	24	24	11	22	4.70
1944-45—	Jersey City		In	Military	Service	(Sea-Bees)						
1946—	JerseyCity	8	1	3	.250	31	32	22	18	11	20	5.23
1946—	Jack'ville(A)	18	3	6	.333	68	83	47	37	30	33	4.90
1947—	Jack'ville	29	9	9	.500	184	218	96	76	58	72	3.72
1948—	Jack'ville	30	14	11	.560	209	199	95	61	93	87	2.63
1949—	JerseyCity	12	1	3	.250	38	50	31	26	17	26	6.16
1949—	Minneap'is	20	2	2	.500	40	37	24	20	27	21	4.50
1950—	Chatt'ga	19	8	5	.615	126	136	59	42	57	48	3.00
1950—	Washington	17	4	5	.444	77	89	49	41	23	26	4.79
1951—	Chatt'ga	19	5	12	.294	134	144	69	49	88	110	3.24
1952—	Chatt'ga	40	24	9	.727	279	310	126	95	123	73	3.06
A.L. Totals—		17	4	5	.444	77	89	49	41	23	26	4.79

SLEATER, Louis, Jr. **"Lou"** **Pitcher**
(Slater)

Trgair

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 8, 1927. Throws and bats left-handed. Height: 5 ft. 11 in. Weight: 185 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. Irish ancestry. Married and has three children. Winter home: Baltimore, Md.

Stocky southpaw, Lou Sleater came to the Nats along with Fred Marsh in a deal that sent Cass Michaels to the St. Louis Browns last May 12. Lou appeared in 14 games for Washington before he was optioned to Chattanooga on July 29. While with the Nats, Lou won 4 and lost 2. His most notable effort was a 1-0, seven-hit shutout over the Philadelphia A's. Lou was born in St. Louis where his dad was a well-known soccer star. While he was still a youngster, the family moved to Baltimore where he attended Mt. St. Joseph's High School. After graduating from school, Lou attracted a lot of attention from the major league scouts with his fine pitching performances on the Baltimore sandlots. He attended the University of Maryland for two years and is a veteran of two years in the Navy. During the winter months Lou works as a salesman in Baltimore.

Year Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1946—Hartford(A)	1	0	0	.000	5	3	1	1	0	1	1.80
1947—Ra!eigh(B)	1	0	0	.000	3	5	3	2	3	2	6.00
1947—Davenp't(B)	10	1	3	.250	28	32	21	....	21	19	------
1947—Ogdensbg(C)	9	4	1	.800	41	36	22	....	38	18	------
1948—SiouxFalls(C)	6	3	3	.500	49	39	27	21	41	28	3.86
1948—Ogd'ns'g(C)	22	12	8	.600	171	157	88	64	164	105	3.37
1949—Jack'ville(A)	36	14	13	.519	237	205	96	73	146	106	2.77
1950—St.Louis	1	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
1950—SanAn.(AA)	29	12	5	.706	147	129	50	46	89	104	2.82
1951—St.Louis	20	1	9	.100	81	88	53	46	33	53	5.11
1951—K.Cy.(AAA)	7	4	2	.667	54	50	30	27	28	27	4.50
1952—St.L.-Wash.	18	4	3	.571	66	65	37	30	23	35	4.09
1952—Chatta.(AA)	3	1	2	.333	20	23	7	6	11	8	2.70
A.L. Totals—	39	5	12	.294	148	153	90	76	57	62	4.62

STEWART, Veston Goff, Jr. "Bunky" Pitcher

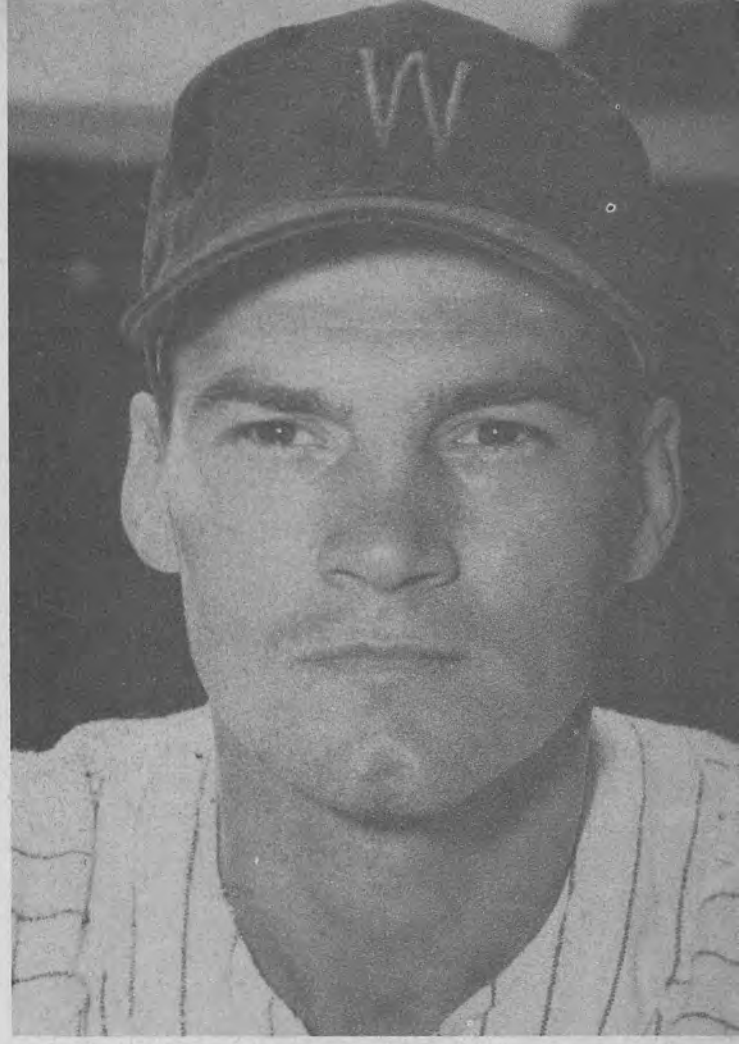
Born in New Bern, N. C., on January 7, 1931. Throws and bats lefthanded. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 158 lbs. Brown hair and grey eyes. Single. Winter home: New Bern, N. C.

Bunky Stewart's debut into organized ball, was to say the least, a most impressive one. In 24 games, he posted a 1.16 earned run average in winning 15 while losing 2, for New Bern in the Coastal Plain League. The Nats' front office was so impressed with Stewart's initial efforts that they had the slim, young southpaw report to Orlando for spring training with the parent club. After watching Stewart working during the training period and the first several weeks of the campaign, Bucky Harris decided that the youngster needed a little more experience and he was optioned to Chattanooga. With the Lookouts, Stewart had a 6-9 record, working mostly in relief.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1951	NewBern(D)	24	15	2	.882	171	95	35	22	142	77	1.16
1952	Washington	1	0	0	.000	1	2	2	2	1	1	18.00
1952	Chatta.(AA)	26	6	9	.400	110	125	67	56	76	65	4.58

STOBBS, Charles Klein "Chuck" Pitcher

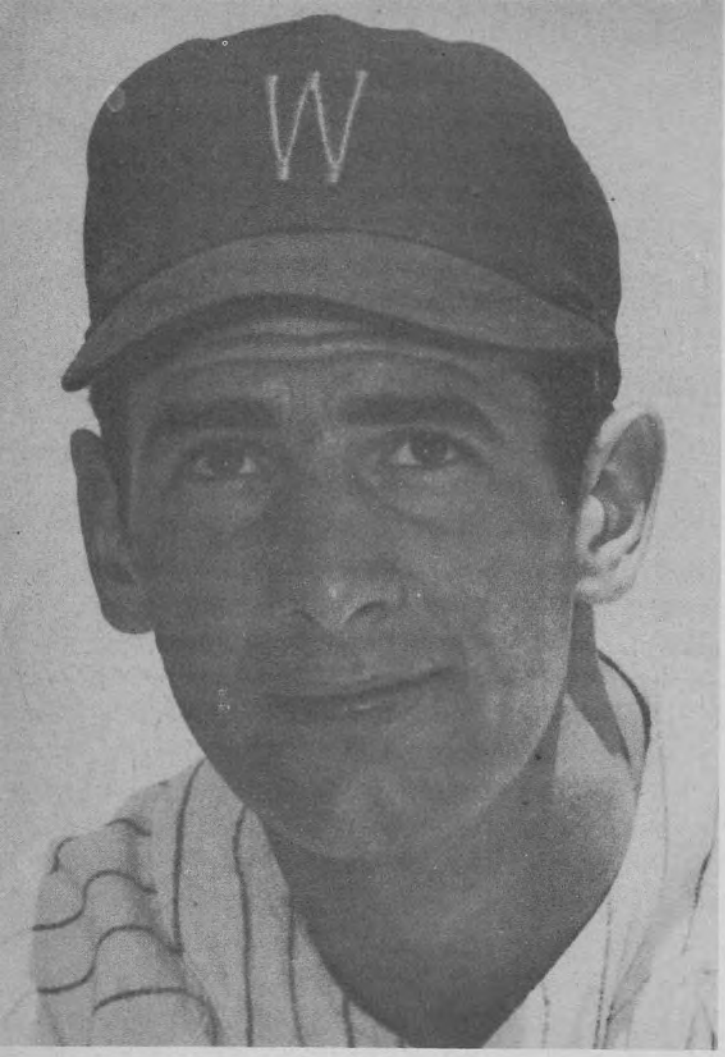
Cardinals



Born in Wheeling, West Virginia, on July 2, 1929. Throws left, bats left. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 188 lbs. English ancestry. Single. Winter home: Norfolk, Va.

Chuck Stobbs, who came to the Nats in November, 1952, in a trade that sent Mike Fornieles to the White Sox, started his baseball career in really fine style. After graduating from Granby High in Norfolk, Chuck went right into organized ball playing for Lynn, Massachusetts, in the New England League. Appearing in 11 games, he won 9 and lost 2 and had the enviable earned run average of 1.72. He joined the Red Sox at the end of the '47 season and stayed with them until he was traded to the White Sox in 1952. Chuck is an all-round athlete. While in High School he was All-State two years and All-Southern one year in football; All-State and All-Southern in basketball; and in baseball he was named Norfolk's outstanding player for two years and in 1946 was named to the Esquire All-American game and was also voted Virginia's Athlete of the Year. He attended the University of Virginia for one year. Chuck played American Legion ball during the '45-'46 seasons and was a member of the 1946 State championship team. His hobbies are golf and music and during the off season he works for peanuts, helping his dad who is a peanut distributor.

Year Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1947—Lynn(B)	11	9	2	.818	94	64	28	18	78	56	1.72
1947—Boston	4	0	1	.000	9	10	6	6	5	10	6.00
1948—Boston	6	0	0	.000	7	9	5	5	4	7	6.43
1949—Boston	26	11	6	.647	152	145	72	68	70	75	4.03
1950—Boston	32	12	7	.632	169	158	104	96	78	88	5.11
1951—Boston	34	10	9	.526	170	180	100	90	75	74	4.76
1952—Chicago	38	7	12	.368	135	118	54	47	73	72	3.13
Major L. Totals—	140	40	35	.533	642	620	341	312	305	326	4.46



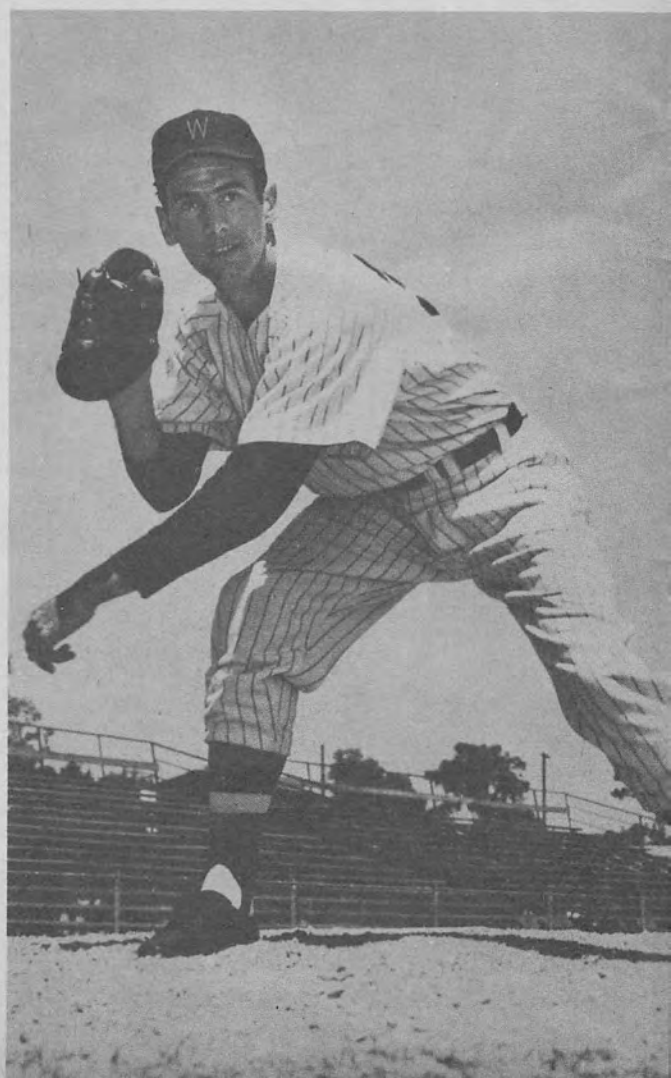
STONE, Darrah Dean "Dean" Pitcher

RED SOX

Born in Moline, Illinois, on September 1, 1930. Throws and bats lefthanded. Height: 6 ft. 4 in. Weight: 205 lbs. Brown eyes and black hair. English ancestry. Married and has one child, Mary Ann 2. Winter home: Silvis, Illinois.

Two no-hit, no-run games. Three shutouts. That is the very fine record chalked up by Dean Stone last season, his third in organized ball. So far the big, hard-throwing southpaw has given every indication that he belongs in the big time. He can pitch winning ball. In his three years he has won 31 games while losing 20. Moving up the ladder from "D" to "C" to "B" ball, Dean is trying to make the big jump into the majors. And if his 1952 season is any indication, he should do it. During the 1952 season he pitched two no-hit, no-run games. His first came against Gastonia during regular season play on May 28, the score 8-0. His second came in the fourth game of the league p'ayoffs on September 7 when he beat Anderson 5-0. Also included in his 17 wins for the season were three shutouts.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1950	Orlando(D)	24	6	7	.461	137	109	100	68	134	133	4.46
1951	Erie(C)	28	8	3	.727	145	117	80	66	152	158	4.10
1952	Chatta.(AA)	1	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
1952	Charlotte(B)	30	17	10	.630	221	175	98	78	201	122	3.18



ZEISZ, Francis Albert "Zeke" **Pitcher**

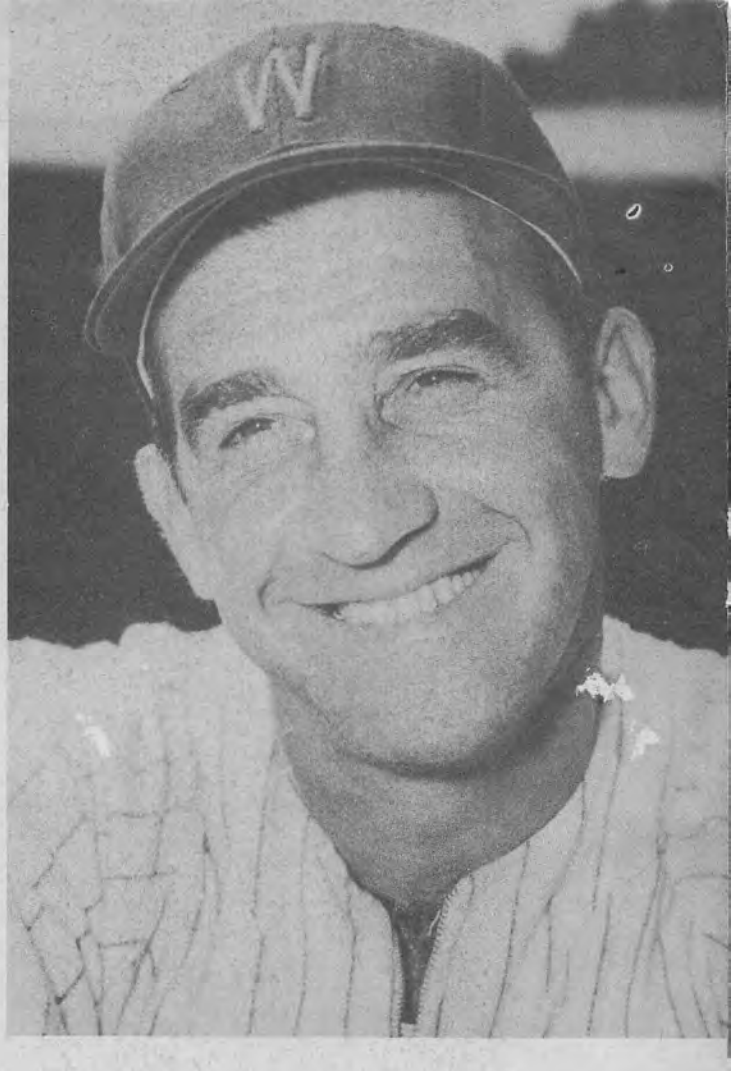
(Zice, as in ice)

Born in Buffalo, N. Y., on November 13, 1926. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 11 in. Weight: 175 lbs. Dutch ancestry. Married and has a daughter, Debbie Ann. Winter home: Tonawanda, N. Y.

Dividing his time between Charlotte and Chattanooga last year, Zeke Zeisz compiled an 18-12 record. Starting the season with Charlotte, Zeke won 9 and lost 3. In his 9 wins, he pitched 4 shutouts and had the enviable earned run average of 1.78. This fine record earned a promotion in the middle of the season, so Zeke went over to the Lookouts, where he pitched .500 ball and wound up with a 9-9 record. An all-around athlete in high school, Zeke played basketball, baseball and was on the track team. He earned four letters in basketball alone. Zeisz broke into pro ball when he signed with Olean in the Pony League. In 1946 he did not play as he wanted to finish high school. He returned to the diamond with Pulaski in 1947 and has been steadily climbing up the ladder since. Zeke's hobby is woodworking and during the off season works for the Richardson Boat Company in his home town.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1945—	Olean(D)	15	1	6	.143	89	79	51	36	30	43	3.64
1946—			(Did	not	play)							
1947—	Pulaski(D)	26	17	5	.773	186	201	109	81	135	88	3.92
1948—	Geneva(C)	22	5	8	.385	98	100	70	47	56	60	4.32
1949—	Camb'ge(D)	21	10	7	.588	140	93	54	37	118	85	2.38
1950—	NiagaraF.(C)	41	14	10	.583	175	206	149	122	125	82	6.27
1951—	NiagaraF.	27	14	9	.609	202	173	86	69	153	82	3.07
1952—	Charlotte(B)	13	9	3	.750	106	76	27	21	84	27	1.78
1952—	Chatta.(AA)	25	9	9	.500	142	161	71	60	62	42	3.80

GRASSO, Newton Michael "Mickey" Catcher

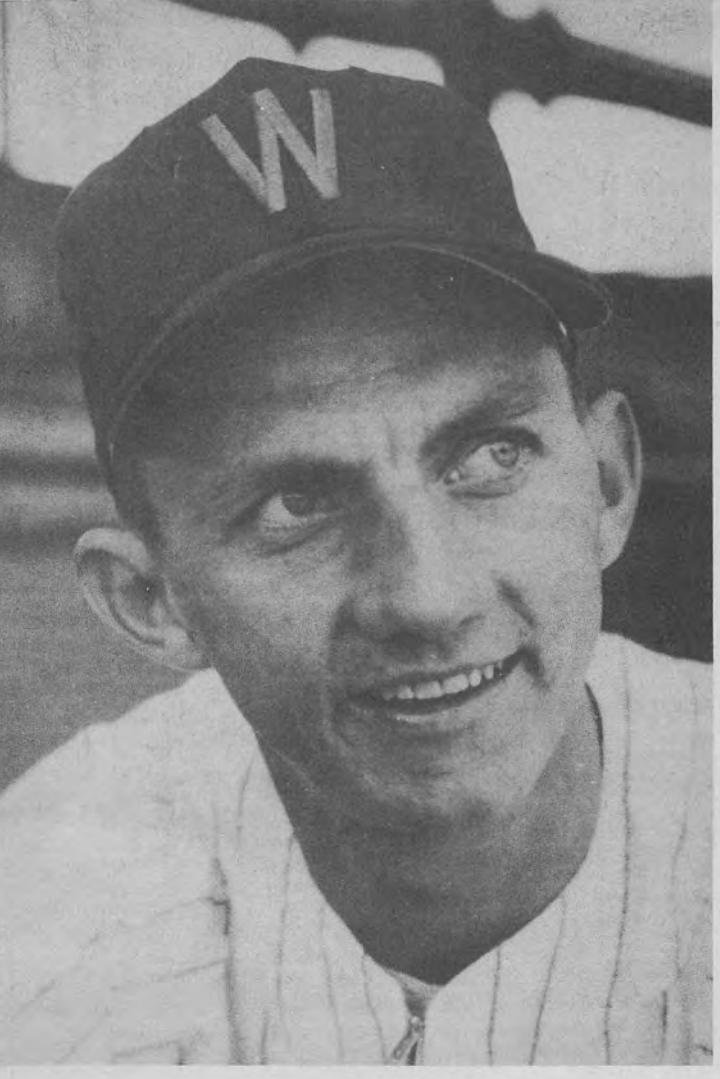


Born in Newark, N. J., on May 10, 1922. Bats and throws righthanded. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 195 lbs. Brown eyes and brown hair. Italian ancestry. Single. Winter home: Newark, N. J.

The fiery backstop of the Nats, "Mickey" Grasso, is one of the hardest working ballplayers in anybody's league. It has been said by an anonymous umpire, that when Grasso is behind the plate, there are two umpires calling balls and strikes. Before being drafted by the Nats from Seattle in November of 1949, Grasso had established some sort of a record in being thumbed out of 23 games. In his three years in the majors, Mickey has mellowed a bit, but he still retains his fighting qualities. He believes in justice, especially for his pitchers. During the war, Grasso served four years in the Army. While in the North African campaign, Sgt. Grasso was captured and spent three years, four months and nine days in a Nazi prison camp. To help pass the time, "Mick" organized a baseball league among his fellow prisoners and had a regular eight-team league playing on a regular schedule. Possessing one of the finest throwing arms in the league, Mickey's pet hate is seeing one of the opposition taking too many liberties on the bases. If a runner is off base just a step too far, Mickey won't hesitate a second in trying to pick him off. During the '52 seoson he caught 25 runners attempting to steal; he picked 14 runners off base and made 8 throwing errors in the process. Six times he called for pitch-outs and nailed runners in run-downs when they have attempted to score on squeeze plays. While attending West Side High in his home town of Newark, Mickey played baseball, basketball and football. He has also won cups for his fine dancing ability. His special hobby when the baseball season is over, is playing golf.

Year	Club		AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1941	Trenton(B)		[illegible]4	16	29	3	0	1	14	.234	164	18	6	
1942-43-44-45	In Military Service (Army)													
1946	Jer'yC.(AAA)	106	303	31	69	8	0	13	46	.228	373	50	15	.966
1946	NewYork(N)	7	22	1	3	0	0	0	1	.136	24	5	1	.967
1947	Jer'yC.(AAA)	117	388	55	104	17	1	16	52	.268	431	63	16	.969
1948	Seattle(AAA)	140	380	35	99	13	1	5	27	.261	542	81	24	.963
1949	Seattle(AAA)	109	299	29	75	11	0	7	31	.251	464	74	18	.968
1950	Washington	75	195	25	56	4	1	1	22	.287	338	38	17	.957
1951	Washington	52	175	16	36	3	0	1	15	.206	182	26	7	.967
1952	Washington	115	361	22	78	9	0	0	27	.216	485	64	17	.970
MajorL.Tot.—		247	748	64	172	16	1	2	63	.230	1029	133	42	.965

Grasso talks over a new mitt with Rip Collins.

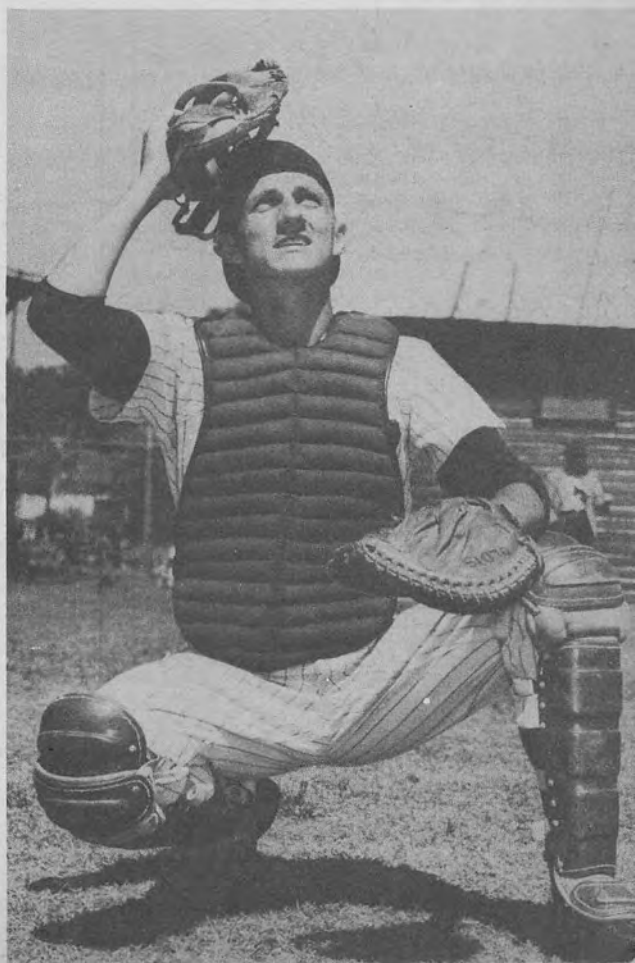


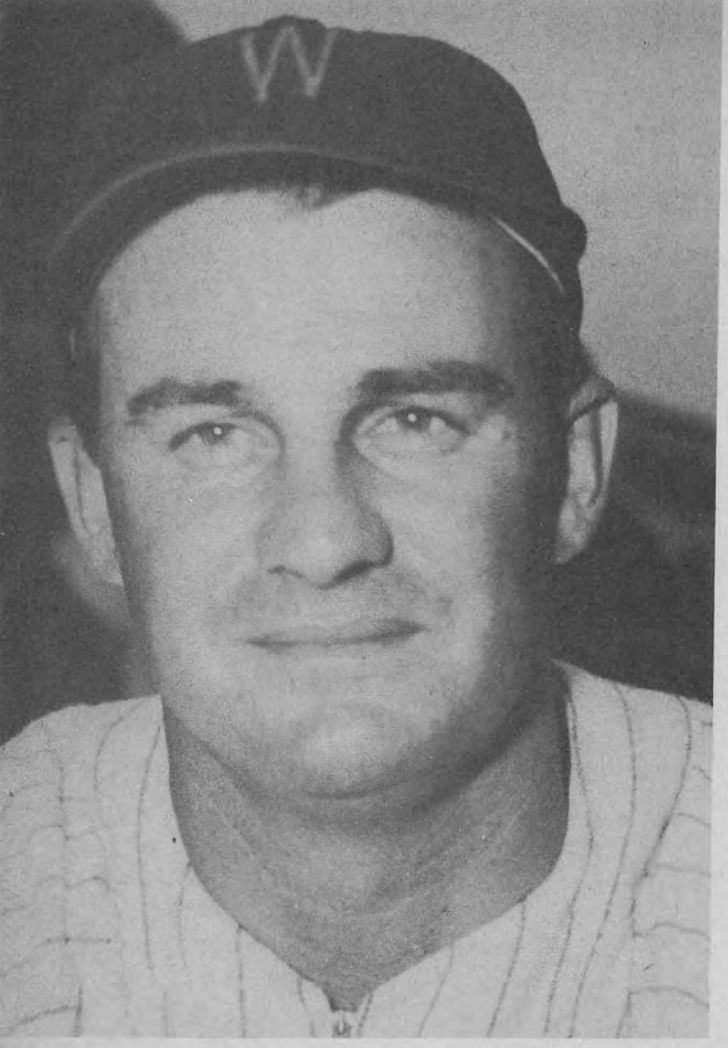
OLDIS, Robert Carl "Bob" Catcher

Born in Preston, Iowa, on January 5, 1929. Bats and throws righthanded. Height: 6 ft. 1 in. Weight: 186 lbs. German ancestry. Married. Winter home: Iowa City, Iowa.

Bob Oldis is credited by many in Chattanooga as the player who sparked the club to their first championship in 16 years. A very quiet, easy-going fellow out of uniform, Oldis changes completely on the ball field. He becomes a dynamic field general with the knack of infusing his teammates with a "can't lose" spirit. He calls a good game as far as the pitchers are concerned, as witnessed by the win records of battery-mates Sima with 24 wins, Dixon with 19 and Pearce with 12. Naturally they like this boy Oldis behind the plate. Bob did plenty good in the stick department too with his .277 mark compiled in 95 games. After playing American Legion ball for two years he broke into organized ball in 1949 with Emporia in the Virginia State League. During the fall and winter months, Bob works in an Oldsmobile garage in Iowa City, Ia.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1949—	Emporia(D)	79	228	36	65	8	2	5	33	.285	246	22	2	.993
1950—	Emporia	118	425	58	123	20	4	3	71	.289	579	59	10	.985
1951—	Charlotte(B)	116	396	69	113	19	7	0	69	.285	574	48	15	.976
1952—	Chatta.(AA)	95	289	31	80	14	3	0	33	.277	413	46	6	.987





PEDEN, Leslie Earl **"Les"** **Catcher**
(PEE'-den)

Born in Azle, Texas, on September 17, 1923. Bats right, throws right. Height: 6 ft. 2 in. Weight: 210 lbs. Married and has one son, Mike. Winter home: Phenix City, Alabama.

He's big, he's a good backstop and he can hit. That's Les Peden, the Nats' draft choice from Los Angeles, for whom they gave $15,000 this past December. Les' first year in pro ball saw him alternating from first to third base for Des Moines, but in 1948 the powers-that-be at Nashville decided to make a catcher out of him. And that's what he's been since. In his combined six years in the minors, Les has hit for an even .300 mark. Of his 763 hits, 249 of them have been for extra bases, including 135 doubles, 13 triples and 101 home runs. Les graduated from Texas A&M in 1943. In his senior year in school he was captain of the baseball team and also captain of the basketball squad. He was also named on the All-Southwest Conference baseball and basketball teams in '42 and '43. Spending four and a half years in the Army, "Les" saw action in Europe as a Captain in the Infantry. Voted the Most Valuable Player at Los Angeles last year, Les has also been selected on the All-Star teams while with Fayetteville and twice while with Des Moines. During the winter months, Les coaches basketball in his home town of Phenix City, Ala.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1947	D.Moines(A)*	124	486	107	157	33	7	18	106	.323	243	241	24	.952
1948	Nashville(AA)	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000				
1948	Fayettv'le(B)	107	386	72	131	26	2	24	98	.339	366	62	9	.979
1949	D.Moines(A)	127	471	74	147	29	3	22	102	.312	477	69	7	.987
1950	Sp'gf'd(AAA)	85	268	32	80	14	0	8	41	.299	256	45	7	.977
1951	L.Ang.(AAA)	117	402	42	100	15	0	11	54	.249	438	70	4	.992
1952	L.Ang.	153	528	60	148	18	1	18	76	.280				

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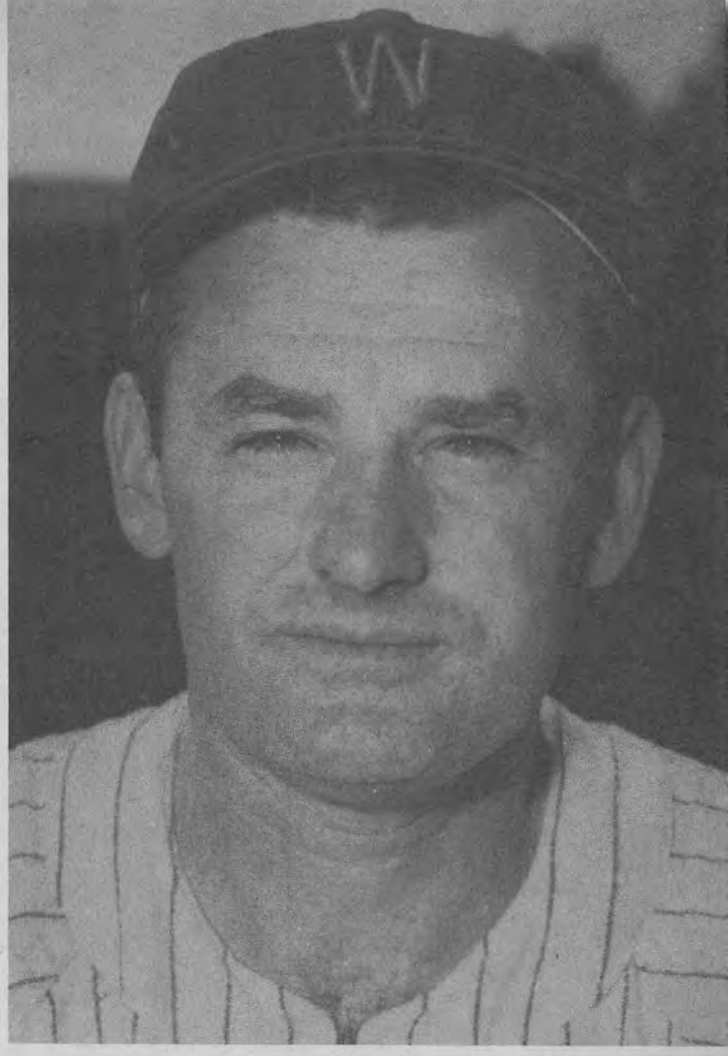
BAKER, **Floyd Wilson** **"Bake"** **Second Baseman**



Born in Luray, Virginia, October 10, 1918. Bats left and throws righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 10 in. Weight: 160 lbs. Grey eyes and brown hair. Married and has two children—Bobby 10, and Linda 7. Winter home: Youngstown, Ohio.

The man with the top fielding mark for second basemen in the majors during the 1952 campaign, was the Nats' second sacker, Floyd Baker. With 325 chances, "Bake" only booted two in racking up a .994 mark. Before being traded to the Nats in October 1951, Baker had seen service with the White Sox for seven seasons. He was also a member of the pennant-winning Browns of 1944. He has played third base, shortstop and second base and even saw outfield service with the White Sox in 1950. It has taken a long time for "Bake" to finally make it with the Nats. He worked out with the Nats in 1933 when only fifteen years old, and finally signed with them eighteen years later. George Washington U. offered him a sports scholarship back in the early '30s, but he turned it down to play baseball. "Bake," during the '52 campaign, was consistently above the .300 mark until the latter part of June. A very good glove man, and good clutch hitter. Has hit only one home run in majors. In off-season works as a TV and appliance salesman in Youngstown, Ohio.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1938—	Mayfield	125	457	111	158	25	9	2	85	.346	266	421	42	.942
1939—	Y'gstown	103	406	67	108	14	7	1	44	.266	206	293	38	.929
1940—	Y'gstown	124	465	83	141	23	5	0	48	.303	220	348	38	.937
1941—	Sp'gfield	124	486	79	154	25	3	8	65	.317	231	406	31	.954
1942—	S.Antonio	100	374	44	122	12	4	0	31	.326	168	328	21	.959
1943—	St.Louis	22	46	5	8	2	0	0	4	.174	24	27	2	.962
1943—	Toledo	37	149	21	38	3	1	1	14	.255	63	124	7	.964
1944—	St.Louis	44	97	10	17	3	0	0	5	.175	41	68	5	.956
1945—	Chicago	82	208	22	52	8	0	0	19	.250	51	127	5	.973
1946—	Milw'kee	120	464	81	133	23	4	0	35	.287	248	327	13	.978
1946—	Chicago	9	24	2	6	1	0	0	3	.250	10	15	1	.962
1947—	Chicago	105	371	61	98	12	3	0	22	.264	88	258	7	.980
1948—	Chicago	104	335	47	72	8	3	0	18	.215	131	127	13	.952
1949—	Chicago	125	388	38	101	15	4	1	40	.260	111	280	9	.978
1950—	Chicago	83	186	26	59	7	0	0	11	.317	53	105	2	.988
1951—	Chicago	82	133	24	35	6	1	0	14	.263	40	58	6	.942
1952—	Wash'ton	79	263	27	69	8	0	0	33	.262	144	179	2	.994
A.L. Totals—		735	2051	262	517	70	11	1	169	.252	693	1244	52	.973

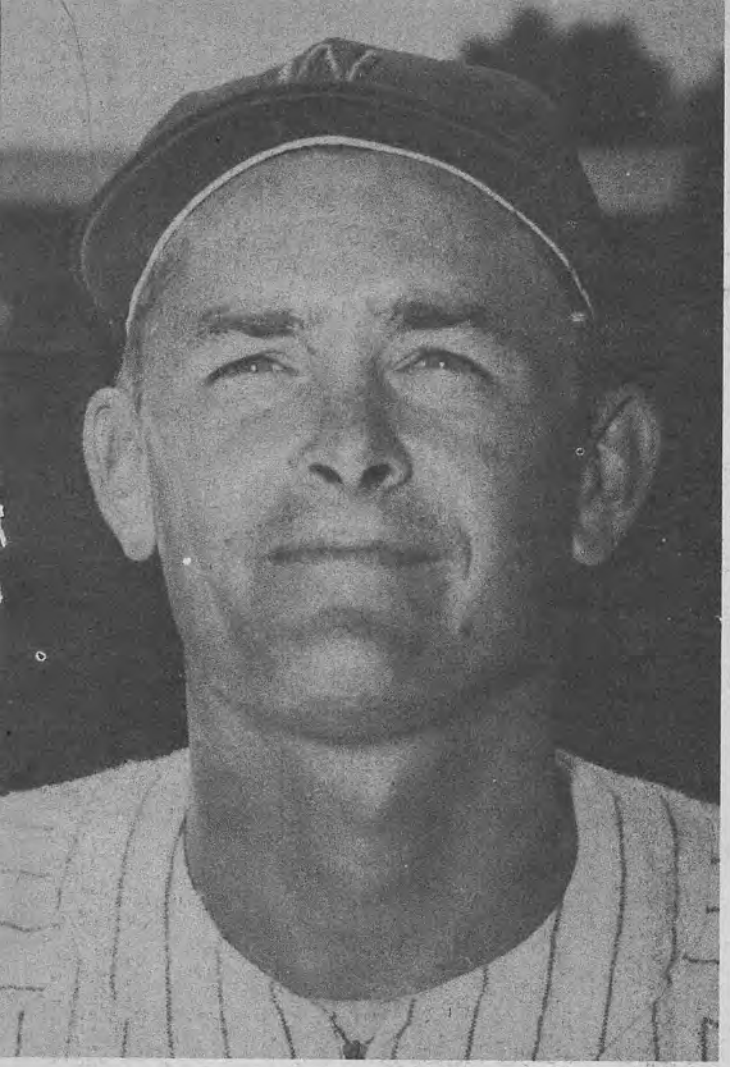
HODERLEIN, Melvin Anthony "Mel" Infielder

(Hoh-der-line)

Born in Newtown, Ohio, on June 24, 1923. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 10 in. Weight: 180 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. German ancestry. Married and has a son, Mel, Jr. Winter home: Trenton, N. J.

Immediately at the end of the 1952 season, Mel Hoderlein underwent an operation on his left elbow that should make a big difference in his playing. Several bone chips were removed from the elbow. Mel had been noticing a stiffness in his arm and wasn't able to follow through on his swing. Now the arm is in good shape and "Hodie" is all set to go. Since reaching the majors at the end of 1951, Mel has been with three major league clubs: Boston, Chicago, and the Nats. Prior to reaching the big-time Mel played for the Red Sox farm clubs of Birmingham and Louisville. In 1948 while with Birmingham he once hit four triples in one game. He played six different positions with the Louisville Colonels--one at a time, of course. That was in 1950 when he was named on the American Association's All-Star squad. Mel served three years in the Army Air Force as a flight engineer and instructor. During his spare moments, his hobbies are photography and model building.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1942—Cordele(D)		87	354	56	88	15	5	0	28	.249	127	266	64	.860
1942—Columbia(A)		(Less than 10 games)												
1943-44-45—Macon(A)		In Military Service (Air Force)												
1946—Macon(A)		28	97	13	27	4	1	1	11	.278	35	50	3	.966
1946—Anniston(B)		34	117	17	38	5	1	1	7	.325	42	97	17	.891
1947—Birm'ham(AA)		95	314	50	84	12	4	2	37	.268	171	124	10	.967
1948—Birm'ham		130	518	79	145	17	8	2	56	.280	228	311	25	.956
1949—L'ville(AAA)		127	444	71	119	22	1	2	44	.268	216	330	31	.946
1950—Louisville		107	377	66	110	21	2	5	50	.292	231	223	16	.966
1951—Louisville		111	407	59	127	15	2	5	40	.312	200	273	25	.950
1951—Boston		9	14	1	5	1	1	0	1	.357	12	10	2	.917
1952—Washington		72	208	16	56	8	2	0	17	.269	138	168	7	.978
A.L. Totals—		81	222	17	61	9	3	0	18	.275	150	178	9	.973



RUNNELS, James Edward "Pete" Shortstop

Red Sox

Born in Lufkin, Texas, on January 28, 1928. Throws right and bats left-handed. Height: 5 ft. 11½ in. Weight: 170 lbs. Green eyes and brown hair. Scotch-Irish ancestry. Married and has two children, Jamey Ruth and Mark Edward. Winter home: Chickasha, Oklahoma.

After searching for a shortstop since Joe Cronin was sold to the Red Sox 18 years ago, the Nats have finally found the man—"Pete" Runnels. Affidavits testifying to his ability may be obtained from any club in the American League. Not a big swinger, but a sharp line-drive hitter, the boy from Lufkin lead his teammates in the hitting department in 1952. He's not a particularly strong athlete, carrying only 170 lbs. on his 5 ft. 11 in. frame, but he has wonderful coordination and timing. Bucky Harris became so fond of his ability to come up with the key hit, he promoted him to cleanup batter against righthanded pitching. As far as Runnels is concerned, righthanders are no different from lefthanders. He is a tough hitter to play. He hits to all fields. If the pitch is outside, he slaps it into left field. If it's inside, he'll pull it into right. He has made only one home run in the majors. He just meets the ball and the way the ball goes through and over the infield, it seems to have eyes. After graduating from Lufkin High, Pete joined the Marines and after two years service, was discharged as a corporal. He attended Rice Institute where he also played football. During the winter months, "Pete" has more time for his favorite hobbies of fishing and hunting.

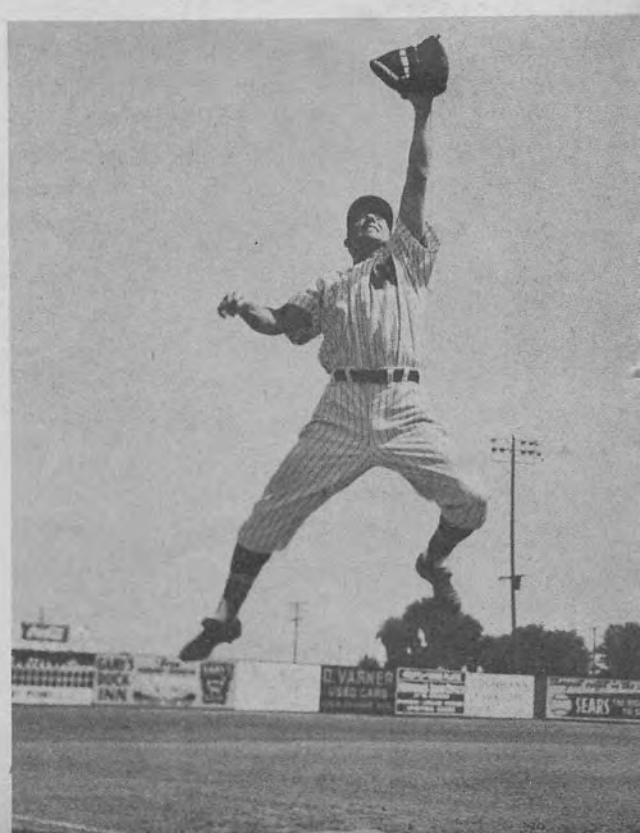
Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1949—	Chickasha(D)	130	505	111	188	44	8	6	92	.372	271	264	40	.930
1950—	Texarkana(B)	144	578	131	191	38	7	10	83	.330	226	447	48	.933
1951—	Chatta.(AA)	74	281	56	100	18	8	3	54	.356	182	215	17	.959
1951—	Washington	78	273	31	76	12	2	0	25	.278	159	176	18	.949
1952—	Washington	152	555	70	158	18	3	1	64	.285	319	410	25	.966
A.L. Totals—		230	826	101	234	30	5	1	89	.283	478	586	43	.961

TERWILLIGER, Willard Wayne "Twig" Infielder

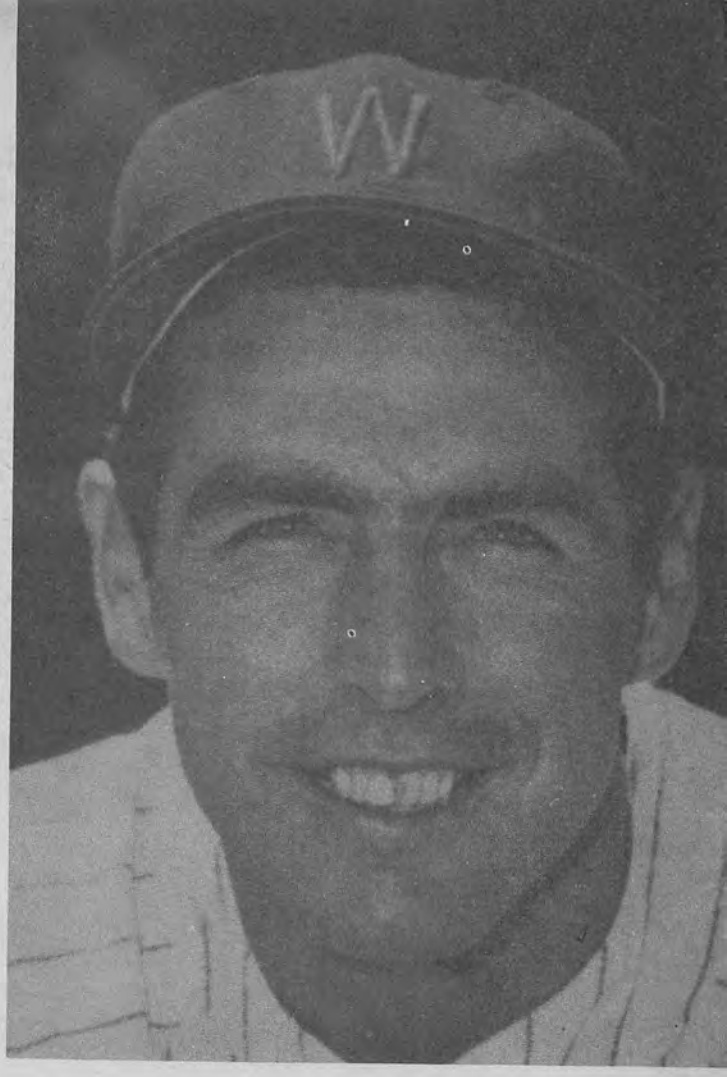
Born in Clare, Michigan, on June 27, 1926. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 11 in. Weight: 165 lbs. Grey eyes an brown hair. Dutch ancestry. Married, and has a daughter, Marcie Lee 1. Winter home: Charlotte, Michigan.

A recent import from the National League, Wayne Terwilliger was obtained from the Brooklyn Dodgers by way of their St. Paul club. He came up to the majors with the Chicago Cubs in 1949, and although he has never hit for a big average in the majors, it looks like he is ready now. Used principally as a pinch-hitter for St. Paul, "Twig" hit .312. He served two and a half years in the tough spots as a corporal with the Marines at Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima. After the service he attended Western Michigan College, where he was captain of the baseball team for two years. He graduated in 1950, but is studying now during the winter months for his Master's Degree.

Year Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1948—D.Moines(A)	18	46	10	9	2	0	0	4	.196	30	47	2	.975
1949—L.Ang(AA)	115	432	80	119	28	2	8	46	.278	297	329	18	.972
1949—Chicago(N)	36	112	11	25	2	1	2	10	.223	77	103	4	.978
1950—Chicago	133	480	63	116	22	3	10	32	.242	314	380	24	.967
1951—Chi.-Bklyn	87	242	37	55	7	0	0	14	.227	167	187	13	.965
1952—St.Paul(AAA)	77	125	32	39	6	0	4	17	.312	45	56	7	.935
MajorL.Tot.—	256	834	111	196	31	4	12	56	.235	558	670	41	.968

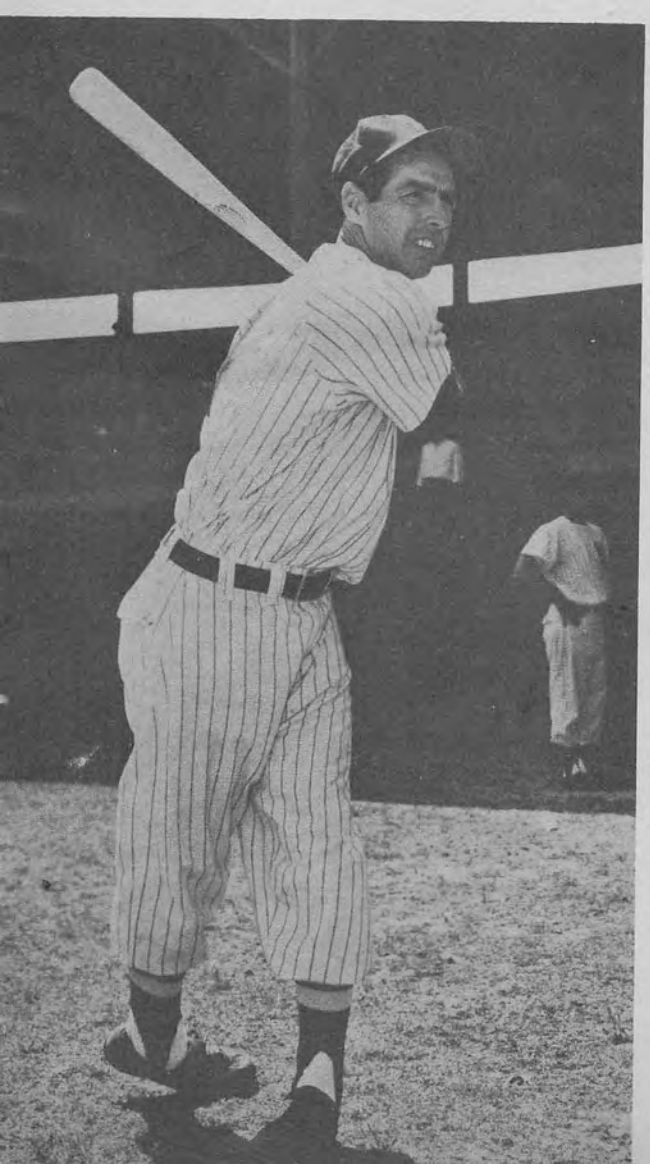


VERBLE, Gene Kermit "Satch" Infielder



Born in Concord, North Carolina, on June 29, 1928. Throws and bats right-handed. Height: 5 ft. 9 in. Weight: 165 lbs. Black hair and brown eyes. Dutch-German ancestry. Married and has two children, Casandra Jean and Gene, Jr. Winter home: Concord, N. C.

Playing in every game of the 154-game schedule, Satch Verble was one of the big reasons for the Chattanooga Lookouts winning the Southern Association flag last season. Known for his hustle, Gene's hard, heads-up playing made the big difference in quite a number of close games. Twice in the minors he was named on all-star teams: in 1945 with Kingsport in the Appalachian League and in 1950 with the Atlanta Crackers in the Southern. Before graduating from Hartsell High in 1946, Gene showed he could play just about any sport when he was named captain of the football squad, captain of the basketball team and captain of the baseball team. He received the Most Valuable Player award two years in a row for basketball. Gene was also an All-State star while playing American Legion ball. Gene's hobbies are golf and basketball and during the off season works as a groceryman in Concord.



Year Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1945—Kingsp't(D)	108	431	86	132	21	6	1	53	.306	145	284	55	.886
1946—Burl'gton(B)	137	504	61	124	18	6	3	45	.246	180	406	54	.916
1947—Atlanta(AA)	10	26	6	4	1	0	0	2	.154	21	30	2	.962
1947—Vicksb'g(B)	93	392	51	94	21	4	3	46	.240	139	275	31	.930
1948—Atlanta(AA)	115	350	34	85	13	3	1	40	.243	196	293	27	.948
1949—Atlanta	132	449	56	111	9	6	0	61	.247	229	434	47	.934
1950—Atlanta	154	605	118	169	36	2	7	70	.279	306	423	33	.957
1951—Washington	68	177	16	36	3	2	0	15	.203	101	124	5	.978
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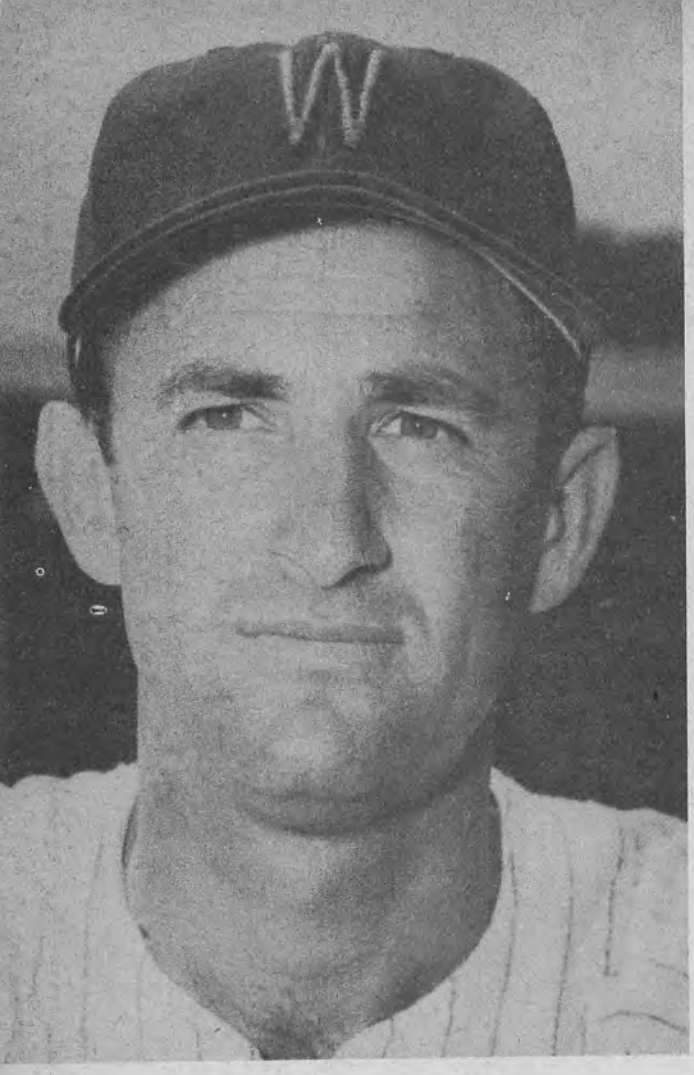


VERNON, James Barton "Mickey" First Baseman

Born in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, on April 22, 1918. Throws and bats left-handed. Height: 6 ft. 2 in. Weight: 180 lbs. Brown eyes and brown hair. Irish-English ancestry. Married and has one child, Gay Anne, 8 months. Winter home: Swarthmore, Pa.

Except for a season and two months, Mickey Vernon has been a fixture at first base for Washington since the start of his major league career. In point of service with the Nats, Vernon and Walt Masterson are the two oldest men on the squad. Despite the fact that Mickey's average fell off a bit last season, he still tied for the team lead in runs batted in with 80. And again, for the second year in a row, Vernon led the league's first basemen in fielding with a .993 percentage. But a look at his fielding record since 1937 shows that he has always been a slick gloveman. After graduating from high school, Mickey attended Villanova and starred on the freshman baseball team in 1937. The following summer he decided to make baseball his career and broke into organized ball with Easton in the Eastern States League. He joined Washington half-way through the 1939 campaign. After spending a little more than two years in the Navy, Mickey returned to the Nats in 1946 and proceeded to take the league batting crown with a nifty .353. After the '52 campaign Vernon underwent a mi·· operation and has all the confidence in the world that he can again h·· ·e .300 mark consistently. His main hobbies are his home movies a· ·se his 8-month-old daughter, Gay Anne.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1937	Easton(D)	83	300	51	86	24	6	10	64	.287	814	54	16	.982
1938	Grnv(B)	132	524	84	172	31	12	1	72	.328	1159	74	24	.981
1939	Spfld(A)	69	268	52	92	13	7	3	41	.343	601	31	6	.991
1939	Wash.	76	276	23	71	15	4	1	30	.257	690	40	11	.985
1940	J.C.(3A)	154	569	76	161	22	9	9	65	.283	1305	75	16	.989
1940	Wash.	5	19	0	3	0	0	0	0	.158	41	2	0	1000
1941	Wash.	138	531	73	159	27	11	9	93	.299	1186	80	10	.992
1942	Wash.	151	621	76	168	34	6	9	86	.271	1360	95	26	.982
1943	Wash.	145	553	89	148	29	8	7	70	.268	1351	75	14	.990
1944-45	Washington	In Military Service (Navy)												
1946	Wash.	148	587	88	207	51	8	8	85	.353	1320	101	15	.990
1947	Wash.	154	600	77	159	29	12	7	85	.265	1299	105	19	.987
1948	Wash.	150	558	78	135	27	7	3	48	.242	1297	113	15	.989
1949	Cleve.	153	584	72	170	27	4	18	83	.291	1438	155	14	.991
1950	Clv.Wsh.	118	417	55	117	17	3	9	75	.281	959	78	9	.991
1951	Wash.	141	546	69	160	30	7	9	87	.293	1157	87	8	.994
1952	Wash.	154	569	71	143	33	9	10	80	.251	1291	115	10	.993
MajorL.Tot.		1533	5861	177	1640	319	79	90	831	.279	13389	1046	151	.989

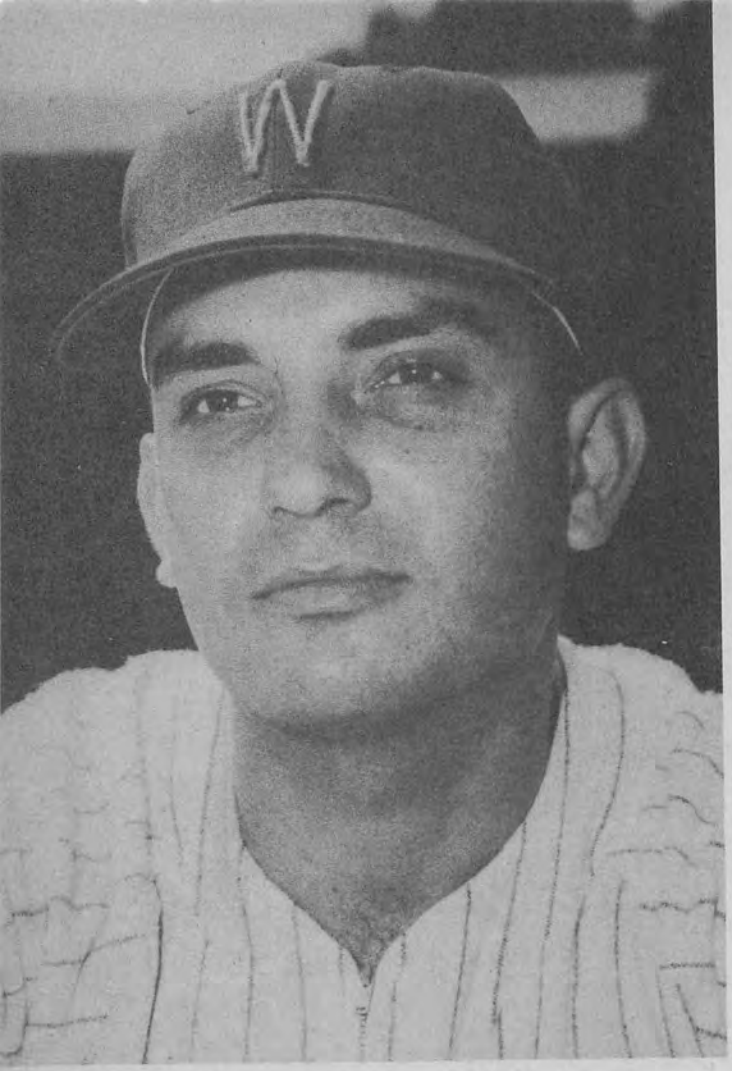
Mickey Vernon catches his family looking at the birdie.

YOST, Edward Fred "Ed" — Third Baseman

Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., on October 13, 1926. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 10 in. Weight: 180 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. German-Irish ancestry. Single. Winter home: South Ozone Park, New York.

"Mr. Team." That's the unofficial nickname of Eddie Yost, the Nats' hustling third sacker. Eddie can also be called the "iron man" of the squad as he hasn't missed a game since early July 1949. On June 8, 1949 in a game at Cleveland, attempting to break up a double-play at second base, Eddie crashed into Ray Boone and severely twisted his ankle. This action put him on crutches for almost a month. Returning to his third base spot, on July 6, Yost hasn't missed a game since. Prior to every game or workout, Eddie has Doc Lentz tape his ankle with about 15 yards of felt and tape. Some doctors have expressed amazement that Eddie is even walking, let alone playing the hard-driving game he does. And speaking of walking, he does plenty of that. It cost the White Sox pitchers $575 to pitch to Yost last season. Manager Paul Richards imposed a $25 fine every time one of his pitchers walked Washington's leadoff man. Says Yankee Manager Casey Stengel, "Every time I look up he's on base. I guess there ain't much you can do about him because he sets every manager crazy." In 1952, Yost led the league in walks with 129, he led the club in home runs with 12, he led the club in runs with 92 and batted in 49 runs as a leadoff man. He was also selected for the All-Star team despite his 196 average at the time. Ed also tied the major league record for third basemen in playing in 157 games in one season. After graduating from high school in 1943, Ed played semi-pro ball for Freeport, L. I., East Orange, N. J. and Bridgeport, Conn. It was during this time that Washington Scout Joe Cambria saw Eddie and signed him to a Washington contract. He is one of the very few players in the majors that came right off of the sandlots into the big leagues. After playing only three months during the 1944 season, Ed went into the Navy and served for a year and a half. Since 1944 Ed has been going to school during the winter months, graduating with his Bachelor's degree in 1950. This past January he received his Master's degree from New York University.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1944--	Wash.	7	12	3	2	0	0	0	0	.143	9	6	2	.882
1945-46—	Washington	In Military Service (Navy)												
1946—	Wash.	8	25	2	2	1	0	0	1	.080	7	17	0	1000
1947—	Wash.	115	428	52	102	17	3	0	14	.238	125	198	14	.958
1948—	Wash.	145	555	74	138	32	11	2	50	.249	189	240	15	.966
1949—	Wash.	124	435	57	110	19	7	9	45	.253	158	232	19	.954
1950—	Wash.	155	573	114	169	26	2	11	58	.295	205	307	30	.945
1951—	Wash.	154	568	109	161	36	4	12	65	.283	209	234	21	.955
1952—	Wash.	157	587	92	137	32	3	12	49	.233	212	249	18	.962
A.L. Totals—		865	3185	503	821	163	30	46	282	.254	1114	1483	119	.956

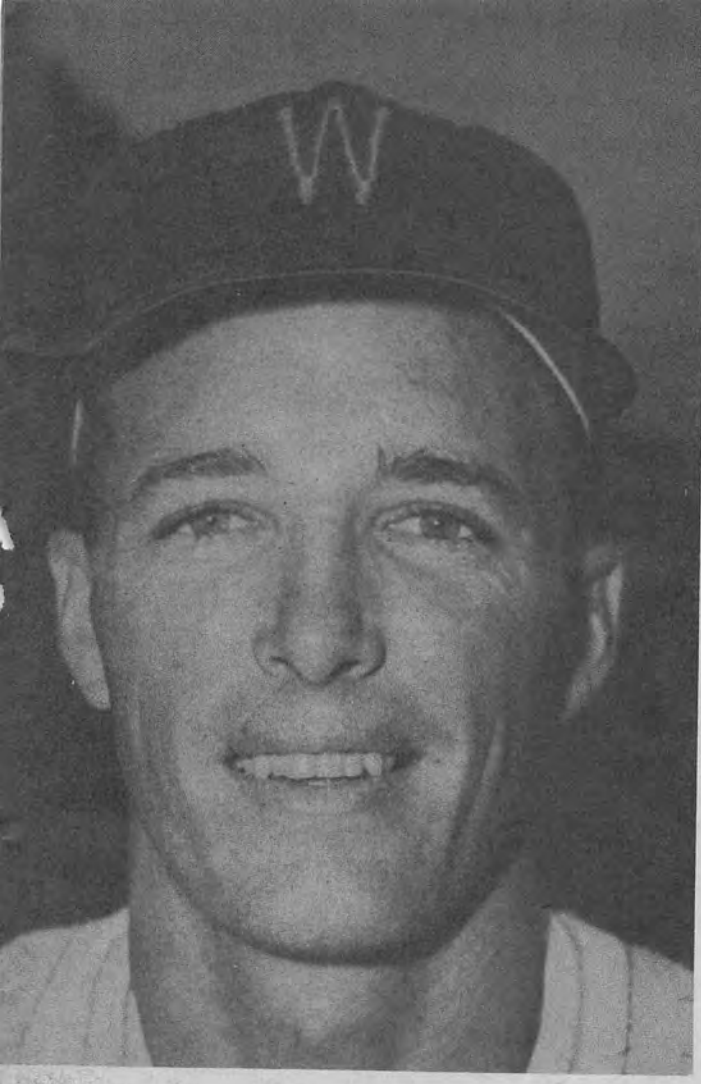


CAMPOS, Francisco Jose "Frank" Outfielder

Born in Havana, Cuba, on May 11, 1926. Bats and throws lefthanded. Height: 5 ft. 10 in. Weight: 175 lbs. Brown eyes and black hair. Spanish ancestry. Married. Winter home: Havana, Cuba.

Frank Campos is an example of what people can do with perseverance. When Frank first came to the States from Cuba, he didn't know a word of English, but with study and observation he became so proficient that he can now read and write it. Campos' ambition was a bit different from that of other kids who were crazy about baseball. He wanted to become a top-notch tennis player and never played baseball until he went to Havana College. Frank brought up a fine record when he joined Washington at the end of the 1951 season. A rarity on the Nats—a Cuban not a pitcher—the 26-year-old Havana native won the Tri-State batting title with a .368 average in 123 games with Charlotte. He was voted the most valuable player in the Tri-State League in 1951. Although his minor league record has him listed with Portsmouth, Havana and Charlotte, Los Angeles had him in 1946, but discontent with his salary, Campos jumped to the Mexican League. He was reinstated in good standing in 1948 and rejoined Portsmouth where he hit .261 in 75 games. That year and this past season are the only two in which he has hit far below the .300 mark.

Year Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1944—Portsm'th(B)	131	479	74	142	18	10	2	48	.296	204	12	8	.964
1945—Portsm'th(B)	136	566	112	183	34	8	1	48	.323	285	22	13	.959
1946-47—Portsmouth	(Played in Mexican League)												
1948—Portsm'th(B)	75	287	35	75	5	4	0	24	.261	143	6	8	.949
1949—Havana(B)	83	320	52	108	14	2	0	41	.338	161	11	2	.989
1950—Charlotte(B)	112	419	49	135	21	4	1	45	.322	230	14	8	.968
1951—Charlotte(B)	123	481	99	177	39	10	6	103	.368	227	13	7	.972
1951—Washington	8	26	4	11	3	1	0	3	.423	6	0	0	1000
1952—Washington	53	112	9	29	6	1	0	8	.259	45	0	1	.978
A.L. Totals—	62	138	13	40	9	2	0	11	.290	51	0	1	.980

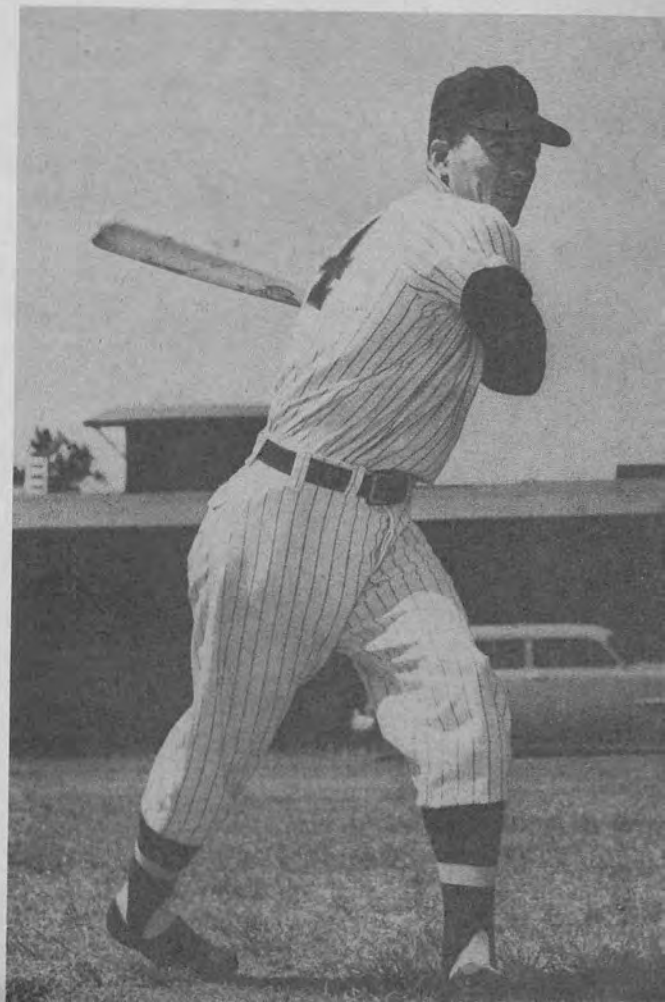


BUSBY, James Franklin "Jim" Outfielder

Orioles

Born in Kenedy, Texas, on January 8, 1927. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 6 ft. 1 in. Weight: 175 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. Scotch-Irish ancestry. Married. Winter home: Silver Spring, Md.

Jim Busby entered Texas Christian on a football scholarship from Corpus Christi High, but after hitting .306 for the TCU baseball team, he decided to stick to the diamond sport. Oddly enough, Jim did not play baseball until 1944, his senior year in high school. Busby doesn't look too rugged in street clothes but he's an all-around athlete. He was the leading batter in the Texas Conference in his senior year at Texas Christian U. with a .509 average. He played first string quarterback and starred in the Cotton Bowl with the pigskin crew and twice turned in times of 9.8 seconds running the 100-yard dash in meets against Southern Methodist and North State Teachers—he was also a broadjumper of note and did 23 feet in competition. He played two years on a service team, being named the most valuable player on the Camp Hood club. He was offered jobs by eight major league clubs and decided to join the White Sox. In 1951, as a member of the "Go! Go! Sox," Jim stole 26 bases and hit a respectable .283. He, along with Mel Hoderlein came to Washington in a trade that sent Sam Mele to the Sox. Jim got off to a slow start in the '52 campaign and an injured foot didn't help, but near the end of the season he began to find his stride. He raised his average 31 points in the last month. Married two days after his last birthday, Busby has moved from his native Texas and now makes his home in nearby Silver Spring, Md.



Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1948	Muskegon(A)	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	.500	0	0	0	.000
1948	Waterloo(B)	68	293	65	89	11	3	9	40	.304	170	8	12	.937
1949	Muskegon(A)	9	30	2	5	1	0	0	1	.167	25	1	1	.963
1949	Waterloo(B)	78	333	62	106	15	5	4	29	.318	174	14	7	.964
1950	Chicago(A)	18	48	5	10	0	0	0	4	.208	25	2	1	.964
1950	Sc'm'to(AAA)	111	416	76	129	23	8	3	31	.310	283	15	2	.993
1951	Chicago(A)	143	477	59	135	15	2	5	68	.283	360	16	7	.982
1952	Chi.-Wash.	145	551	63	130	24	4	2	47	.236	472	4	3	.994
A.L. Totals—		05	1076	127	275	39	6	7	117	.256	856	22	11	.987

JENSEN, Jack Eugene — **Outfielder**

Red Sox

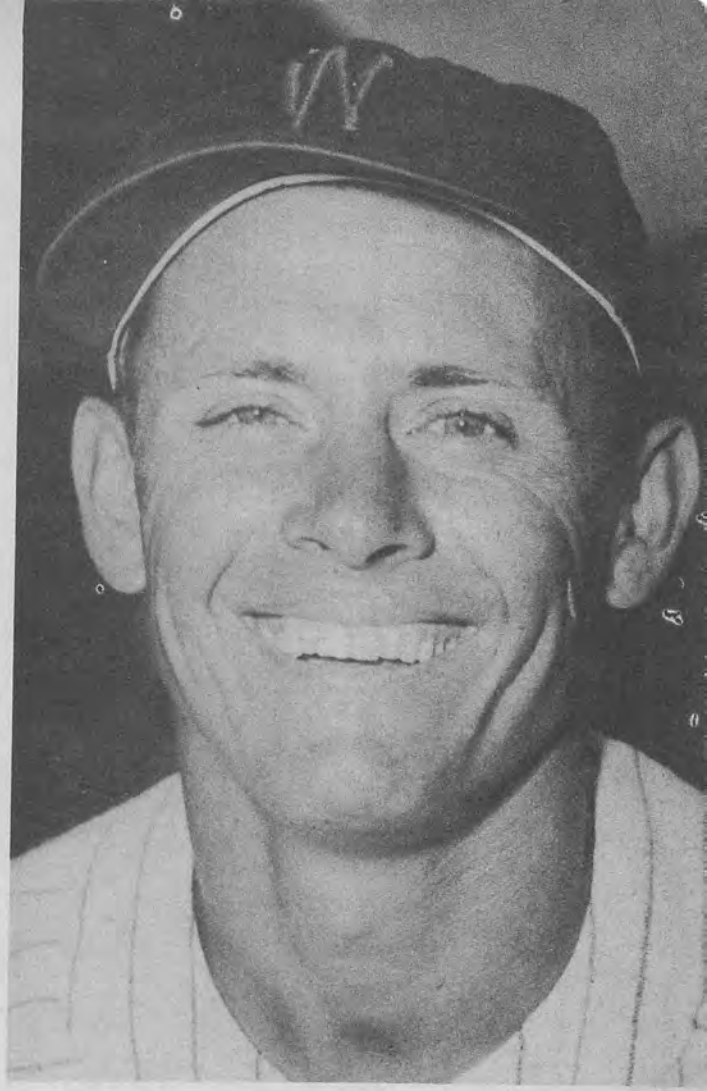
Born in San Francisco, California, on March 9, 1927. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 5 ft. 11 in. Weight: 190 lbs. Blue eyes and blond hair. Danish-Swedish ancestry. Married and has one child, Jan Kay 2. Winter home: Oakland, California.

Star of the University of California's Rose Bowl team of 1948, Jackie Jensen decided to switch from the gridiron to the diamond when it came time to turn pro. Beseiged by numerous offers from major league clubs, Jensen signed instead with the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast League because they offered him an opportunity to play immediately. It wasn't long, however, before Jackie was in the majors. Purchased by the Yankees, Jackie went to New York as a bonus player in 1950. The Nats obtained Jensen along with Frank Shea, Archie Wilson and Jerry Snyder in a deal that sent Irv Noren and Tom Upton to the Yankees in May of 1952. Jackie caught on like a house afire with the Nats. During the remainder of the season, he upped his batting average to .280, he drove in 82 runs, was third in the league for stolen bases and during the middle of the campaign hit safely in 20 consecutive games. A champion all the way, Jackie is the only athlete in history to play in both the Rose Bowl and the World Series. He was All-American fullback in 1948 and on the All-American baseball team in 1947 both while attending the University of California. He has played in the East-West All-Star football game (Shrine game) in 1948 and the major league All-Star game in Philadelphia in 1952. He served in the Navy os a radioman for a year and a half. He is married to Olympic diving star Zoe Ann Olsen. In the winter season he works as a furniture salesman in Oakland, Calif.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1949—	O'kl'd(AAA)	125	467	63	122	21	7	9	77	.261	248	12	16	.942
1950—	NewYork	45	70	13	12	2	2	1	5	.171	36	0	2	.947
1951—	NewYork	56	168	30	50	8	1	8	25	.298	106	6	3	.974
1951—	Kan.C.(AAA)	42	160	23	42	4	1	9	26	.263	77	0	1	.987
1952—	N.Y.-Wash.	151	589	83	165	30	6	10	82	.280	291	17	7	.978
A.L. Totals—		252	827	126	227	40	9	19	110	.274	431	23	11	.976

Jackie Jensen asks Bud Hillerich how many hits he put in those Louisville Sluggers.

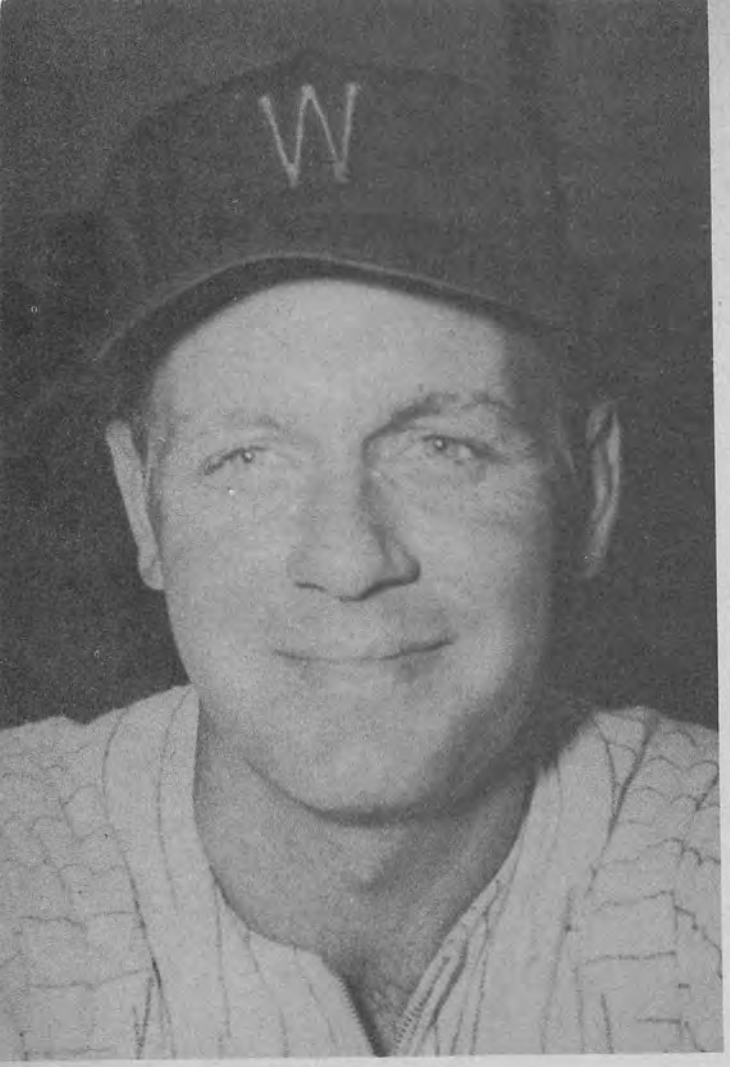
COAN, Gilbert Fitzgerald "Gil" Outfielder
(Cone)



Born at Monroe, North Carolina, on May 18, 1924. Throws right and bats lefthanded. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 180 lbs. Brown hair and grey eyes. Scotch and Irish ancestry. Married and has one child, Gil, Jr. Winter home: Brevard, N. C.

Rated by many as the fastest man in the majors, Gil Coan helps to prove that fact by his quick break and fast get-away down to first. Gil hit into only two double-plays in 107 games during the 1952 season, and one of those DP's was a line drive to second base. With Chattanooga in the Southern Association, Gil was named the outstanding player in the minor leagues by the Sporting News in 1945. He batted .372 and set the S.A. league record of 28 triples that same year. Prior to entering organized ball, Gil attended Brevard Junior College where he starred in baseball, basketball and football. Gil's top years in the majors, so far, have been during the 1951 and 1952 seasons when he hit .303. Playing hard, driving ball every minute of the season, he has been injured several times. The most notable was a fractured skull sustained going into second base in June 1950. He was out of action for about six weeks. This past season Gil painfully chipped a bone in his wrist diving for a low liner. Gil knows his way among the pots and pans as well as around the diamond. His culinary art is well known among the players in the league. During the off season, Gil's prime interest is his beautiful farm in Brevard, N. C.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1944—	Kingsport(D)	72	267	76	98	16	4	13	64	.367	111	7	7	.944
1944—	Chatta.(AA)	48	194	47	65	5	8	0	15	.335	90	7	7	.933
1945—	Chatta.(AA)	140	540	126	201	40	28	16	117	.372	257	27	12	.959
1946—	Washington	59	134	17	28	3	2	3	9	.209	62	0	2	.969
1947—	Chatta.(AA)	151	585	126	199	34	17	22	92	.340	276	13	18	.941
1947—	Washington	11	42	5	21	3	2	0	3	.500	22	1	0	1000
1948—	Washington	138	513	56	119	13	9	7	60	.232	341	11	11	.970
1949—	Washington	111	358	36	78	7	8	3	25	.218	225	8	6	.975
1950—	Washington	104	366	58	111	17	4	7	50	.303	220	4	7	.970
1951—	Washington	135	538	85	163	25	7	9	62	.303	374	17	14	.965
1952—	Washington	107	332	50	68	11	6	5	20	.205	185	4	3	.984
A.L. Totals—		665	2282	306	588	79	38	34	228	.257	1429	45	43	.971



WOOD, Kenneth Lanier "Ken" — Outfielder

Born in Lincolnton, North Carolina, on July 1, 1924. Throws and bats right-handed. Height: 6 ft. ½ in. Weight: 205 lbs. Blue eyes and brown hair. English ancestry. Married and has two children, Elizabeth and Ken, Jr. Winter home: Charlotte, N. C.

Possessed of one of the finest throwing arms in the game today, the long ball hitting fielder may well develop into one of the standout players in the American League. Wood was signed by the Browns in 1941, right under the noses of the Washington Nationals whose Charlotte farm club already had the home town boy ticketed for their organization. Although he has never hit for a big average his timely hits and extra base blasting accounted for numerous games in the win column for the Nats last year. Of his 52 hits, 20 of them were for extra bases, including 8 doubles, 6 triples and 6 home runs. He came to Washington during the '52 campaign in a trade that sent Archie Wilson to the Red Sox. Included in his outstanding performances is the game in which he threw out the tying and winning runs at home plate on successive plays against Cleveland in 1950. Zack Taylor, manager of the Browns in 1951, wanted to convert the hard-throwing outfielder into a pitcher, but Ken would have none of it. He is a Coast Guard veteran of World War II, and his hobbies are hunting and fishing. During the winter months, Ken works either as a postman or shipping clerk in his home town of Charlotte, North Carolina

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1941	Charlotte(B)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
1941	Springfield(B)	6	14	3	4	0	0	0	0	.286	3	0	0	1.000
1942	Hunt'gtn(D)	126	512	101	163	33	8	25	126	.318	170	32	7	.966
1943	Toledo(AAA)	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
1943	Elmira(A)	72	249	25	58	13	1	1	34	.233	98	3	11	.902
1943	Wilm'gt'n(B)	30	117	25	39	9	1	9	22	.333	49	5	3	.947
1944-45	Toledo(AAA)	In Military Service (U.S. Coast Guard)												
1946	Toledo	27	96	16	22	7	0	3	9	.229	44	4	0	1.000
1946	SanAnt.(AA)	76	253	75	116	12	1	9	44	.296	106	4	3	.978
1947	Elmira(A)	137	526	82	139	32	4	22	97	.264	274	19	15	.951
1948	St.Louis	10	24	2	2	0	1	0	0	.083	10	1	0	1.000
1948	SanAnt.(AA)	96	344	47	85	15	4	19	75	.247	157	23	4	.978
1949	St.Louis	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
1949	Balto.(AAA)	122	446	79	126	21	2	32	98	.283	224	28	4	.984
1950	St.Louis	128	369	42	83	24	0	13	62	.225	162	16	9	.952
1951	St.Louis	109	333	40	79	19	0	15	44	.237	179	7	8	.959
1952	Bost.-Wash.	76	230	26	52	8	6	6	32	.226	169	6	9	.951
	MajorL.Tot.—	330	962	110	216	51	7	34	140	.224	520	30		

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The direction of the Nationals' network of baseball teams comes under the supervision of Ossie Bluege. A more able man for the position would be hard to find. The name Bluege is one that baseball fans well remember as one of the brightest stars of past Washington teams. He was one of the greatest fielding third-basemen who ever lived. He managed the Nationals from 1943 through 1947. He knows the game inside and out and can tell at a glance whether a raw-boned, awkward youngster has the ability to make a career of professional baseball.

The Nationals have twelve scouts on the payroll covering the country.

Director Bluege talks over top prospects with Calvin Griffith and manager Bucky Harris.

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Washington's Minor League System

Club	Rating	League	Manager
Chattanooga	AA	Southern Association	Cal Ermer
Charlotte	B	Tri-State	Pete Appleton
Havana	B	Florida-International	Armando Marsans
Orlando	D	Florida State	Donald Ford
*Fulton	D	Kitty	Sam Lamitina
*Bluefield	D	Appalachian	Ivan Kuester

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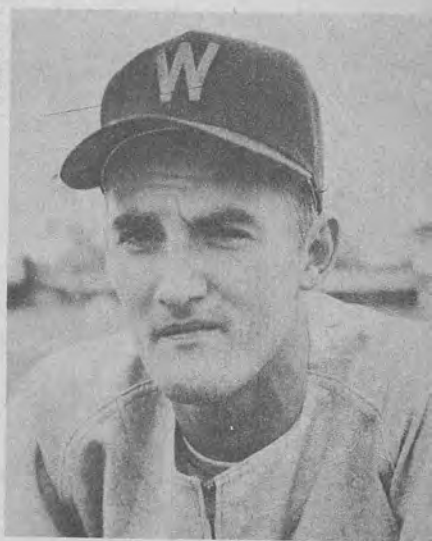
TAYLOR, Frederick Rankin "Fred" — First Baseman

Born in Zanesville, Ohio, on December 3, 1926. Bats lefthanded and throws righthanded. Height: 6 ft. 3 in. Weight: 204 lbs. Brown eyes and brown hair. Dutch-English ancestry. Married and has one child, Janna Lee, born October 31, 1952. Winter home: Columbus, Ohio.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1950	Chatta.(AA)	78	285	27	75	8	4	5	42	.263	646	58	9	.987
1950	Washington	6	16	1	2	0	0	0	0	.125	27	3	1	.968
1951	Chatta.	152	574	79	167	33	7	8	103	.291	1305	109	24	.983
1951	Washington	6	12	1	2	1	0	0	0	.167	24	1	1	.962
1952	Tol-Char'tn	103	357	27	81	13	3	5	45	.227	782	59	10	.988
1952	Washington	10	19	3	5	1	0	0	4	.263	34	6	0	1000
A.L. Totals—		22	47	5	9	2	0	0	4	.191	85	10	2	.979



FLESHMAN, Levi Frank, Jr. "Buck" — Pitcher

Born in Washington, D. C., on October 20, 1930. Throws and bats righthanded. Height: 6 ft. 4 in. Weight: 195 lbs. Brown eyes and brown hair. Married and has one child, Rickey, age 6 months. Winter home: Hyattsville, Md.

Year	Club	G	W	L	Pct.	IP	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1949	Concord(D)	20	2	7	.222	84	102	61	47	31	51	5.04
1950	Concord(D)	26	10	12	.455	193	233	134	107	107	65	4.99
1951	Charlotte(B)	33	20	9	.690	244	241	113	93	105	105	3.43
1952	Chatt.(AA)	7	0	2	.000	28	34	21	20	4	25	6.43
1952	Charlotte(B)	10	3	3	.500	63	77	33	31	23	28	4.43

DIETZEL, Leroy Louis "Roy" — Infielder

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, on January 9, 1931. Bats and throws righthanded. Height: 6 ft. Weight: 185 lbs. German ancestry. Single. Winter home: Baltimore, Md.

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	hr	RBI	BA	PO	A	E	FA
1950	Emporia(D)	121	515	121	156	30	11	11	63	.303	300	344	32	.953
1951	Chattanooga	110	392	45	107	13	5	3	49	.273	198	321	27	.951
1952	Chattanooga	12	50	12	17	0	1	0	5	.340	28	29	2	.966

"The Big Train"

Walter Johnson . . . .

"Walter Johnson came nearer being everything good that was ever written, said or thought about him, both on and off the ball field, than any man I ever met. He was a good man." Thus spoke Clyde Milan, late coach of the Washington Baseball Club, and former great outfielder. "Old Deerfoot" knew. He was Walter's room-mate for fourteen years.

Johnson fires his famous fast-ball.

From 1907, when he first came to the Nation's Capitol, until he pitched his final game in 1927, Walter smoked them plateward to put many records in the book. Some that will probably never be broken. It is doubtful that one of his feats will ever be challenged, unless they drastically change the way they play now. In 1908 against the New York Highlanders, the 20 year old Walter Johnson pitched three shutouts in four days. On September 4th, he beat them 6-0. On Septmeber 5th, 3-0. September 6th was a Sunday and baseball was illegal on the Sabath in those days, or he probably would have pitched then, but the next day, in the first game of a Labor Day doubleheader, he set the Highlanders down with only two hits to shut them out, 4-0.

Walter Johnson was born at Humboldt, Kansas on November 6, 1887. He was the second of six children of poor, proud, hard working Frank and Min-

The Big Train

Unveiling the Johnson Memorial Plaque at Griffith Stadium.

President Truman with Mrs. Johnson at the ceremony.

nie Olive Johnson. The family moved to the oil fields of California when Walter was 14 years old. He worked after school in a grocery store and played ball about as much as the ordinary athletic minded boy. When he attended high school, some of his friends persuaded him to play on the team, so Walter became a catcher. He started pitching at the age of 16 for a sandlot team in Anaheim, California.

In 1906, Johnson turned professional. He moved to Weiser, Idaho, where he combined pitching chores with digging post holes and erecting telephone poles for the local 'phone company for $75 a month. There, the 18 year old sensation pitched 75 consecutive innings without a run being scored on him.

Cliff Blankenship, of the Washington Nationals, signed Johnson to what is probably the most bizarre contract in baseball history. Blankenship was sent out on a scouting trip with definite instructions to sign up Clyde Milan, the great young outfielder playing with Wichita. He also had instructions to go by Weiser, Idaho and take a look at a young raw-boned strikeout artist named Johnson. After seeing Walter pitch an 11 inning game, Blankenship wasted no time in grabbing Johnson as he walked off the field. Having no paper in his pocket, he snatched up a piece of brown paper in which meat had been wrapped. Offering Johnson $100 for signing and $350 a month, Blankenship finally argued him into signing the meat wrapper contract held against the side of a board fence. That trip by Blankenship, was undoubtedly one of the most profitable ever made by a representative of a baseball team.

Johnson joined the Nationals on August 1, 1907. For the remainder of that season he pitched in 14 games, winding up the season with a 5-9 record. His debut into the bigtime was not an auspicious one, but it was not long before he became the most feared pitcher in the league. The record books tell the rest of the story.

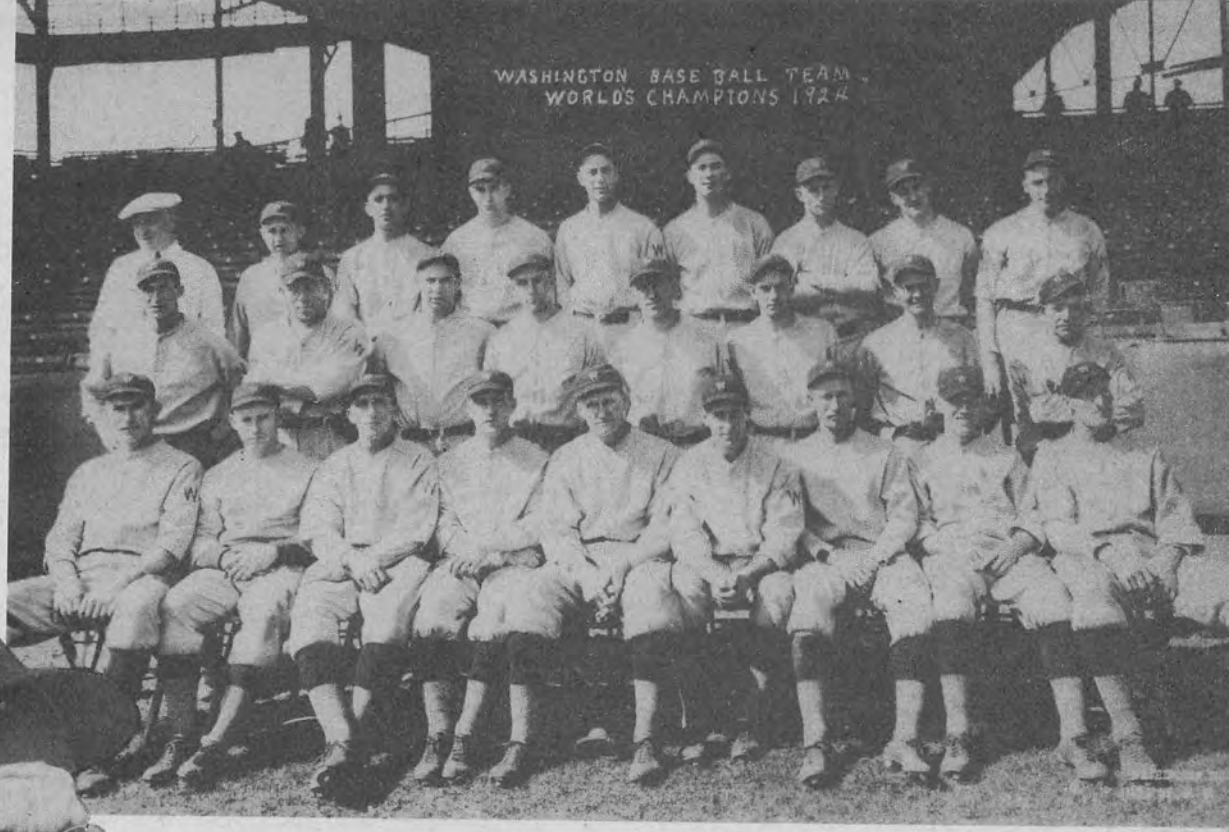
Walter Johnson died on December 10, 1946 at Georgetown Hospital, but in the minds of baseball fans the world over, the modest, humble "Big Train" rolls on.

History of the Nationals

Muddy Ruel comes in to score the winning run in the final game of the 1924 World Series enabling the Nats to win the Championship from the New York Giants. McNeely of Washington had just hit a grounder which struck a pebble and bounded over the Giants' third baseman's head into left field, allowing Ruel to score.

The first Washington Nationals were organized in the Fall of 1859, by a group of government clerks. By the time Spring had rolled around, they had held try-outs and had procured new uniforms and were considered an organized ball club, as opposed to the usual pick-up team. Some of their first box scores were reported by the Star.

In 1871, the first organized league was formed, and was called the National Association. Washington was represented in that league with a team called the "Olympics"; a name they kept for only a few years. Incidentally, from 1873 through the present, the Washington Baseball Team has always been called the Nationals, although



Frank Baxter, Club-House Boy—1915-1948

Reunion of the 1924 World Series Champions

Mickey Grasso just misses catching Bob Avila of Cleveland.

the nickname "Senators" seems to have caught the fancy of the fans.

Here is a chronological history of the Nationals up to 1901.

1859 Nationals first organized.
1860-1870 Semi-pro
1871 National Association
1872-1873 National Association
1874 "Non league" team
1875 National Association
1876-1883 "Non league" team: semi-pro: sand lot.
1884 American Association
1884 Union Association
1885 Eastern League
1886-1889 National League
1890 "Non league" team
1891 American Association
1892-1899 National League
1900 "Non league" team
1901 American League

It was in 1901 that the present Nationals' story really begins. That year, with the forming of the American League, Washington finally joined a league that it has been with ever since. Prior to that date, the Washington franchise had been kicked from pillar to post, moving from one league to another and then jumping back again. In one year it was even in two leagues. In 1884 they started the season with the American Association; they finished the season with the short-lived Union Association.

Several years prior to 1901 there was dissention and bickering among every faction of the only "major" league in the country—the National League. One of the more active, outspoken members of the press, Cincinnati columnist B. B. (Ban) Johnson, decided to do something about it. With the help of Charles A. Comiskey, Charles Somers, Connie Mack and the Nationals' own Clark Griffith, the American League was born.

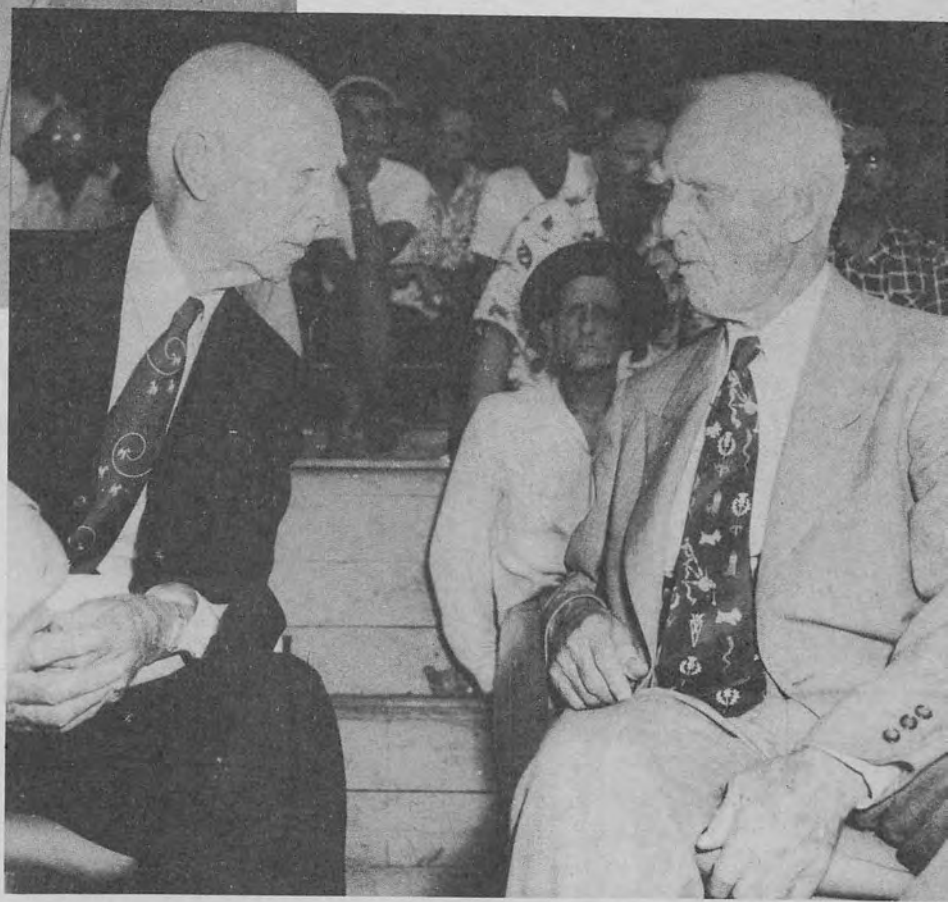
The eight teams that made up the league in 1901 were Washington, Detroit, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland and Milwaukee. Washington finished the season in 6th place behind the leadership of their new owner-manager, Jimmy Manning.

The early Nationals had a pretty rough time getting their nose above water. In 1902, as in the inaugural year, they finshed sixth. The 1903-1904 years found them mired in the basement. The 1904 team set a dubious record that has been equaled only by the Detroit Tigers of 1920, in that they lost the first 13 games of the season. Until the 1912 season the Nationals had bounced, or should we say, rolled from 7th to 8th, back and forth. The only bright spot during these rather cloudy years was the acquisition of fleet-footed Clyde Milan and the Kansas Cyclone, Walter Johnson.

In 1912, the Nationals made another acquisition, one Clark C. Griffith, who came to town to take over the management of the team without fanfare or the blaring of trumpets. "The Old Fox" as he was known, because of his canny pitching and managerial skills, said at the outset that he intended to win the pennant. But the fans of Washington were used to new managers and they had heard promises before. Within two months after taking over the chores of running the team on the field, Griffith had his team of young ball players on top of the league. The Nation's Capitol not only had, for the first time, a team of which they could be proud, but the whole baseball world was amazed. Griff had taken over a chronic cellar dweller and by the end of the season had hustled them into second place. It was another 35 years before the fans of Washington were to see another of their teams in the eighth spot in the league standings.

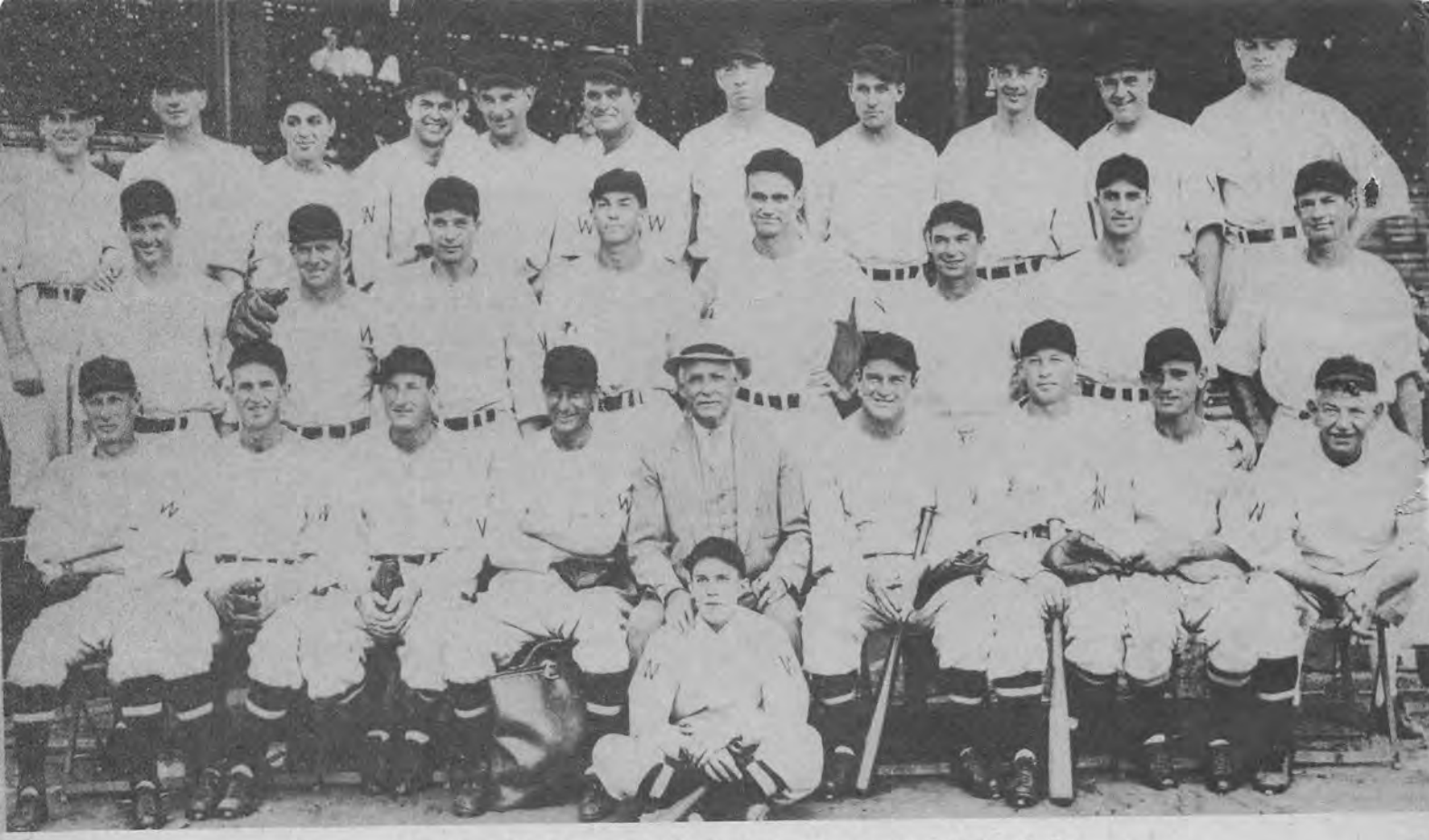
Throughout the years from 1901 until the present, the Washington Baseball Club has always been an interesting one. There have been lean years and there have been banner years. In 1924 when Clark Griffith named as his manager, the young 27 year old second-

The top-men of the Nationals get together—
Mgr. Harris and Pres. Clark Griffith.



Two of baseball's most revered characters meet in spring training.
Connie Mack and Clark Griffith comparing notes.

baseman, Stanley "Bucky" Harris, the fans were a bit surprised. Here was a man with only four years in major league baseball and totally inexperienced in managing any sort of team. But Bucky built a fire under the team. After getting off to a slow start with the club in seventh place on May 15, the team then really went to town to wind up on top of the league and then continued their winning ways to take the World Series from John McGraw's Giants in 7 games. Yes, there was dancing in the streets. The Nation's Capitol had waited a long time, and although the team had come close several times, this was their first flag. The Boy Wonder and his team re-



1933 AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS: First row, l. to r.: Rice, Stewart, Goslin, Schacht, Griffith, Cronin, Harris, Bolton, Altrock. Second row: Russell, Thomas, Chapman, Travis, Burke, Kerr, Weaver, Meyer. Third row: Sewell, Berg, Whitehill, Prinn, Schulte, Manush, McColl, Bluege, Kuhel, Crowder, Boken. Bat Boy, Mahoney.

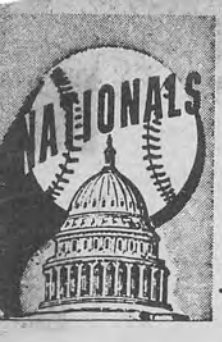
peated in 1925 in taking the American League bunting but failed in the Series, the Pirates winning in seven games.

Washington again won the pennant in 1933 behind another "Boy Wonder", a brilliant young shortstop, this time Joe Cronin. Cronin took a mixture of old and new players with him to spring training and went on to mold a team that had the best year of any Washington club. They won 99 and lost 53 during the regular campaign, but against the Giants' Hubbell and Schumacher, the best they could do in the World Series was one win in five games.

If the 40 year old steel and concrete edifice, located at 7th and Florida Ave., known as Griffith Stadium, could have just a few lines in this short history, it would probably tell of the original "Megaphone Man" of baseball, E. Lawrence Phillips, who started announcing the batteries to the fans in 1901 and continued until 1928 . . . It would tell of the many deeds and stories of the brusque, yet kindly clubhouse "boy", Frankie Baxter who took care of the Nationals' equipment for better than 30 years . . . it would tell of the late trainer Mike Martin. Mike was a valued and trusted friend of Clark Griffith after 48 years together. Mike retired from the rigors as club trainer a few years ago to take care of scouting for the club in the Maryland, Virginia area. . . .

it would tell of the many games that Thurmond Cordell has witnessed from his vantage point as press-box custodian for the past 33 years . . . it would tell of the many pasteboards that have passed through the hands of Johnny Morrissey, the chief of the Nationals' ticket office for the last 32 years . . . And of course the stadium would talk and rave for hours of the exploits of men like Walter Johnson . . . Sam Rice . . . Joe Judge . . . Ed Delahanty . . . Buddy Myer . . . Earl Whitehill . . . Joe Cronin . . . Muddy Ruel . . . Ossie Bluege . . . Stanley Coveleskie . . . Goose Goslin . . . Luke Sewell . . . Stanley Harris . . . Joe Kuehl . . . Cecil Travis . . . Roger Peckinpaugh . . . Buddy Lewis . . . Fred Marberry . . . Al Crowder . . . Clyde Milan . . . Earl McNeely . . . Nick Altrock . . . Rick Ferrell . . . Sam West . . . Dutch Leonard . . . Heinie Manush . . . Al Schacht and many, many more.

At the present time, the directors of the Nationals are going all out to bring to the ever loyal fans of Washington, future teams that will keep the name "Washington" on the top of the league. President Clark Griffith, Vice President Calvin Griffith, Farm Director Ossie Bluege and Manager Bucky Harris are all constantly trying to improve the team, wherever and whenever possible, with the definite goal of giving the old stadium many more pleasant memories, and added glory to the National's Capitol.



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Bold: Night Game.
Light: Day Game.
†Sunday Game.
***Doubleheader.**